

Penalties generate £90,000 for council over summer

# ILLEGAL PARKERS GET 60 FINES A DAY

Report by Jordan Harris

**MORE than 60 parking tickets a day were dished out this summer across Walsall.**

A Freedom of Information request has revealed that there were 5,632 parking fines given out across July, August and September, working out at 61 a day over the three months.

The fines raked in £90,406 for the council, with Bridge Street in the town centre the most common site for tickets.

Former council leader and leader of the Conservative party in Walsall, councillor Mike Bird, said that while he doesn't believe problem parking is a major issue across the borough, he sees 'all sorts' of illegal parking across the borough.

Councillor Bird said: "Sadly it does appear that some people think it is their right to leave their car parked wherever they want."

"I have seen all sorts of terrible parking, sometimes it is very dangerous and you have to wonder why people are so inconsiderate when it comes to this one issue."

## Validate

"Personally I don't think parking is a major issue across the entire borough but certainly in some areas it is. There is no excuse when you consider that some places allow you to park up for around £2 a day."

Up until last year, people could park at the Tesco Extra on Littleton Street in Walsall for two hours for free. However, they now have to spend £5 to validate their parking as bosses look to combat people who used the site without paying for anything.

Tickets are issued across the borough by civil enforcers, who Councillor Bird praised.

He said: "It isn't a job I would like and sometimes people do get aggressive but these numbers show that they are doing a good job. They are more lenient than people think and they do allow five minutes to ensure that the parking hasn't been done in an emergency. New parking charges at previously free car parks were brought into play across the borough in 2014 as Walsall Council looked to bring in around £100,000."

This meant that 2,000 previously free spaces across Willenhall, Bloxwich, Brownhills, Darlaston and Aldridge became subject to pay and display conditions.

## REMEMBRANCE TRIBUTE CLOCKS UP 6,300 POPPIES



Mayor of Walsall and Pelsall councillor Marco Longhi, mayoress Andrea Longhi, and Poppy Appeal mascot 2017 Lucie Hill, aged seven, of Pelsall

IT was the stunning display which earned a village national attention. Now the Pelsall poppy clock has been made bigger and brighter than ever.

The display, made up of thousands of poppies knitted by volunteers as part of a phenomenal village effort, has returned ahead of Remembrance Sunday.

It now features more poppies than ever before, around 6,300, with additions being made to the gates beneath the clock, while the Union Flag has also been added.

Blacked-out portraits of soldiers also fea-

ture, marking the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele.

The idea to decorate the clock was first launched three years ago and has gone from strength to strength ever since. A dedicated group of women has been responsible for creating the poppies at a weekly 'knit and natter' group.

Pelsall councillor Gary Perry said: "This year we have refreshed the poppies and managed to get it to 6,300, which has allowed us to cover the whole of the fencing."

"I'm immensely proud. We have a very pa-

rochial community here and they all support things like this. We couldn't do it without the community. Every poppy is made with care, attention and love."

"There is a group of ladies who met and knit every single Tuesday. Some are people who have recently lost their husband and come along to this weekly group. It's all about camaraderie and getting people together. There is a lot more benefits than just poppies."

Councillor Perry said it was important to carry on remembering fallen heroes with every year that passes.

## DEVELOPMENT

### Copper factory site homes a step closer

PLANS to build 270 new homes on the site of a former copper factory in Bloxwich, which employed 1,000 people are set to move a step closer as a scheme to decontaminate the site looks to get the go ahead today.

The St Francis Group put in plans earlier this year to transform the former Cerro site on Goscote Lane into a residential development.

Cerro once employed more than 1,000 workers and closed its Black Country operation in 2010 after falling victim to the recession.

Plans submitted to Walsall Council are set to get the go ahead at a meeting today, Thursday.

The plans say the 8.9-hectare site has 'known contamination' issues due to its former use. It has also been subject to vandalism, travellers pitches and fly-tipping since the Cerro closure.

The scheme to decontaminate the site to ensure it is ready for development includes soil stabilisation, grouting and capping of mine-workings and mine shafts.

Housing provider whg is behind the 270-home application after previously spending £50 million on transforming the Poets Estate area in Goscote, creating 412 homes at Waters Keep.

## HERITAGE

### Lakes work needed to prevent floods

WORKS need to be carried out on the lakes surrounding Great Barr Hall to stop the risk of flooding at the historic site.

Inspectors warned in 2014 that remedial works were required at the plot but the landowner has not gone through with it.

As a result the Environment Agency issued enforcement action earlier this year demanding that the lake is lowered and the dam is raised.

Due to the size of the lakes they have to be inspected every 10 years.

A planning application is set to go before Walsall Council, today, Thursday, which has been recommended for approval.

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# Net closing in on tragic Reagan's killer



Knife victim Reagan Asbury

POLICE say 'extensive inquiries' are taking place into finding a man who fatally stabbed a Pelsall teenager at a boxing match after CCTV captured the fatal attack.

Reagan Asbury, from Wood Lane, was attacked when violence broke out at the boxing show held at Walsall Town Hall. He died in hospital the following day.

It was the first time the 19-year-old football fanatic had attended a boxing match with his girlfriend's family.

Black Country Coroners Court heard that police have now identified a sus-

pect, who was seen on footage delivering 'a blow to Reagan's neck from behind'.

Detective Inspector Justin Spanner said: "We have opened a murder investigation after Reagan received a fatal injury after a large scale disorder took place at a boxing match on Saturday October 14.

"Numerous people were demonstrating violent behaviour that started inside and then went outside.

"A black male with an afro type hair style with a white t-shirt put a blow to Reagan's neck from behind. A post mor-

tem was conducted that showed the only injury was that to his neck.

He continued: "We also have a statement from a plastic surgeon who said it was a stab type injury.

"We have identified the suspect and extensive inquiries are now taking place for us to locate him.

"It appears that the boxing match was a very close affair and there was a lot of chanting between supporters."

Senior Coroner Zafar Siddique adjourned the inquest for two months to await the outcome of the investigation.

# Appeal for action over 'lawless' town

**CRIME** in 'lawless' Willenhall is worse than ever claim angry councillors and traders want a meeting with police.

Traders have asked for more support from police following a number of crimes in recent weeks, including a ram raid at a supermarket and staff being pushed to the floor during a robbery at Poundland.

Councillor Sean Coughlan, who represents Willenhall and is the leader of Walsall Council, has said that 'everyone has concerns' about crime in the town, while councillor Diane Coughlan says crime is currently 'the worst it has ever been'.

MP Eddie Hughes, West Midlands Police representatives and Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson have been invited to an emergency meeting on December 8 where traders and councillors will plead for more police presence in the town.

The incident at Poundland on New Road took place on October 9 where three men entered the shop through a fire exit and demanded cash and keys from staff, who were then pushed to the floor.

On October 19, a Ford Mondeo was driven into the Heron Foods shop on Stafford Street, before a man entered the store and took cash. Meanwhile another break-in took place at the Keymaster pub on Wolverhampton Road West on October 9, where two people made off with four tills.

A petition has been started by traders asking for more support from the police.

Councillor Sean Coughlan said: "Everyone has concerns about crime in the town at the moment, definitely.

"There have been a number of break-ins and I do think we need more police support for businesses in the town. It has become lawless in Willenhall and I think that message needs to be put out there."

Councillor Diane Coughlan, who has called for the meeting, believes the town is more dangerous for businesses now. She said: "We need more police, it is as simple as that, I have lived in Willenhall all of my life and can't remember it being this bad."

## If you've got it – haunt it, says Angela



Angela Taplin pictured with family and friends in her Halloween garden in Handley Street, Wednesday

IT took her all week to decorate her home – so it is no wonder that Angela Taplin's annual Halloween bash is the highlight of the family social calendar.

The walls of her living room and kitchen of her Wednesday home were blacked out with bin liners and she hung up ghosts that light up, a mystic woman that can be heard 'breathing' among other creepy creatures on display.

There was a machine that makes smoke and another that creates thunder and lightning effects. She bought mannequins online and painted them up to create 'corpses', some with missing body parts.

A friend who makes garden panels knocked her up three coffins – adult, child and baby-sized. The outside toilet was splattered in 'blood' and the garden transformed into a graveyard.

She said: "It's my favourite time of year – even better than Christmas." The latest contraption to wow her guests was the addition of a projector that throws out images of zombies coming out of the walls and ghosts rising up through the floorboards.

Around 20 friends and family usually attend the themed party in Handley Street and if they are not dressed up, they are not allowed in.

# Mother tells of recovery fight after fatal crash

A MOTHER has told how her life was 'smashed into pieces' when she lost her teenage daughter and suffered a brain injury in the same devastating car crash.

Shelley Whale's 13-year-old daughter Natasha was killed in the smash in 2014 on her way to school at Walsall Academy. Shelley was airlifted to hospital and put in an induced coma.

The 49-year-old, from Walsall, said: "I was an ordinary person journeying through life when my life was smashed into pieces. I was involved in a road accident, which was fatal for my beautiful, perfect daughter Natasha at the age of 13. I was critical and flown to hospital clinging to life. I have no memory of the accident or the time I spent in hospital.

"When my brain began to wake up my life had totally changed."

Shelley will share her story of recovery at Headway Black Country's 20th Anniversary Convention on November 8. She added: "Life after brain injury has meant never giving in, grabbing every opportunity with both hands and working towards making more people aware of brain injury – and that although I appear different, I am still a person with feelings, emotions and love."

The convention at Wolverhampton University Science Park is free.

# Crash driver suffers 'episode'

A MOTORIST was taken to hospital after a collision with a tree which left his vehicle on its side.

The collision took place on Gower Street, Pleck, Walsall at 2.50pm last Thursday, with two ambulances and two fire engines called to the scene.

The driver, a man in his 40s, is believed to have suffered 'a medical episode' at the wheel prior to the crash but managed to escape without injuries.

A West Midlands Fire Service spokesperson said: "We were called to reports of a vehicle that had ended up on its side after colliding with a tree on Gower Street in Pleck.

"A man was trapped inside the vehicle and we sent two fire appliances, containing 10 firefighters in total, to the scene."

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesperson Jamie Arrowsmith said: "We believe that the driver suffered a medical episode prior to the collision which may have caused it to happen."



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### Heart screening at hockey club

A HEART screening session will be taking place this weekend in memory of an 18-year-old who tragically died. It will take place at Cannock Hockey Club on Saturday in memory of gifted former player Jeevan Singh Dhandra, from Walsall, who died a week after being found injured on rail tracks near Birmingham New Street in 2014. His family set up Jeevan's Legacy, a charity helping young people, to keep his spirit alive. A fundraising ball in July made £6,500 for the CRY for Matthew charity, which raises awareness of cardiac risk in the young. The cash will pay for the heart screening session for 14 to 35-year-

### Rambling on at weekend walks

WALSALL Ramblers are back in action on Saturday, with a short walk of about four miles around Pelsall North Common. The meeting point is the car park at Oak Park C. P (Lichfield Road) at 9.30am. Details are available from the walk leader on 01922 454389.

Then they head will be heading to Chorley for a nine-mile circular walk on Sunday, called 'A Shropshire Mystery'. Non-members are always welcome and can obtain more information from the walk leaders on 07954 396 032. More information is available at [www.walsallramblers.org.uk](http://www.walsallramblers.org.uk).

### Coffee morning for RBL coffers

A COFFEE morning is taking place at a funeral directors in aid of the Royal British Legion. The event will be held at H Cope Limited Funeral Directors in Cradley Heath on November 10. The firm is inviting the public to come along any time to the coffee morning, taking place between 10am and noon. The funeral directors can be found in Lashford House, Reddal Hill Road. Anyone wishing further details on the coffee morning can contact 01384 569388.

### Bus lane suspended to ease congestion

A BUS lane just outside Wolverhampton city centre is to be suspended. The lane, along Middle Cross close to the A41 Bilston Road and the Ring Road is to be suspended from its junction with Horseley Fields to ease traffic congestion. Any objection to this should be made in writing to the council by November 17 2017. For more information, email [planning.propertyandcontracts@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:planning.propertyandcontracts@wolverhampton.gov.uk).

## BMW driver with drugs in car is spared jail

A BMW driver, who had over £350 cash and £210 worth of drugs when the car was stopped by police, has been spared jail.

More cannabis, valued at £250 and packaged into £10 street deals, were found at the nearby home of Waqas Ahmed's girlfriend, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

She was the passenger in the rented BMW being driven by her 25-year-old boyfriend when it was ordered to stop in Basset Close, Willenhall on September 7. The police officers immediately detected the tell-tale smell of cannabis, prompting a search, said Mr John Evans, prosecuting.

A black bag found in the driver's foot well contained 21 street deals of the drug while the money was hidden in the defendant's shoulder bag.

A further 25 wraps of cannabis were discovered at the girlfriend's address, continued the prosecutor.

Mr Preetpaul Tutt, defending, said Ahmed had been a heavy cannabis user for eight years: "This turned into a dependency which he funded by buying the drug in bulk and selling some to friends and known users."

Ahmed from Scarborough Road, Walsall, of previous good character, admitted possession of cannabis with intent to supply and was given a seven month prison sentence suspended for 18 months together with 120 hours of unpaid work and £1,200 costs.

## Shelter in need of volunteers

AN appeal has been launched for dozens more volunteers to help run a homeless shelter ahead of its opening.

Walsall Council has had to move its winter shelter from the Glebe Centre in Caldmore, to 40 Darwall Street in the town centre because demand for the service was greater than anticipated last year.

Councillor Diane Coughlan has said the new base will also be open for three months instead of one.

But ahead of its expected opening on December 1, the authority is still in need of around 40 helpers, despite already recruiting 60 people.

Sessions have been set up for volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. For further information call Jean Garwood on 07934 299191.

## Forum set to meet

THE High Heath and Shelfield Forum will be meeting next Tuesday, at Autumn Close Community Centre at 7.30pm. The meeting will be attended by wlg representatives and local councillors.

# Bostin' idea ter paint Doreen's fizzog



Derek Powell-Jones's Doreen portrait

QUEEN of the Black Country Doreen Tipton is hoping to be immortalised in art – and is looking for budding portrait artists to take on the challenge.

The self-styled Lazy Cow has even arranged a sitting – though it will probably be more of a 'lying' – for those who would like to draw her.

The shortlisted entries, to be decided by a panel of judges, will be featured in the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star and go on display at Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

And the winning entry, which will

be unveiled in a Doreen video, will later be auctioned off by Antiques Roadshow expert Will Farmer.

Professionals, students and amateur artists can enter. Age is no barrier as the competition even has a children's section for under-15s. The winning entry in this category will also be auctioned off by Mr Farmer if the young painter agrees. "We are on the lookout for an iconic work of art that captures your unique interpretation of the subject," says the rallying call for artists. The judging panel will include Mr Farmer, who will auction

off the winner at his auction rooms in Stourbridge, Tess Radcliffe, curatorial and learning manager at the art gallery, Doreen and writer David Tristram. Doreen has already been painted by Derek Powell-Jones of Rugeley. It is now hanging up on the wall in The Rugeley Rose Theatre.

The still-life sitting at the art gallery is planned for November 25. Spaces are limited to around 15 people but a second sitting may be organised if there is enough interest. To register and get more details email [lazycow@doreen.tv](mailto:lazycow@doreen.tv)

# Horror crash teen driver locked up after tragedy

## Society's Saddlers booster



Saddlers' Stefan Gamble with Shaun Donnellan, Lorraine Standing, branch manager

WALSALL supporters got chance to rub shoulders with two of the Saddlers' rising stars thanks to a building society which handed over a special bonus payment to the club.

Striker Tyler Roberts and Saddlers defender, Shaun Donnellan, who is on loan from The Baggies, visited the West Brom's Walsall branch, on Bridge Street, to receive a donation of £11,180 generated by the Society's Saddlers Super Saver affinity account. The money will be invested in Walsall's youth system to help nurture new talent at the club. Customers, staff and Saddlers

fans were invited to attend the presentation, meet the players and get pictures and autographs.

Stefan Gamble, Walsall Chief Executive, said: "The West Brom's continued support is fantastic and we would like to express our thanks to them. The money that has been donated by the West Brom will provide a massive boost to our youth academy which can be so crucial to the club."

The money comes from the annual proceeds of the Saddlers Super Saver affinity account, the exclusive savings account which is only available to supporters of the club.

A TEENAGE motorist who killed a close friend in a horror crash the first time he drove a car on public roads has been put behind bars for three years and four months.

Morgan Chaplin – 17 at the time but now 18 – was high on drugs and travelling at more than twice the speed limit on damp roads when disaster struck, a judge heard.

He lost control of the Suzuki Swift – described as an 'old banger' – on a left hand bend in Lichfield Road, Pelsall after ignoring a warning to slow down from one of his three passengers on February 11. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told on Monday. The car – with no rear seats, travelling at an estimated 63mph in a 30 zone – careered onto the opposite side of the road hit a curb and crashed into a garden wall, said Miss Sharonjit Bahia, prosecuting.

### Catastrophic

Front seat passenger Ryan Coney, who apparently owned the unregistered vehicle and was not wearing his seat belt, was 'impaled' by the wreckage. The 22-year-old talented footballer suffered catastrophic chest injuries and was certified dead at the scene. One of the passengers sitting on bare metal at the back was also badly hurt but declined to co-operate with the police probe, it was said.

Chaplin defied a broken ankle to leave his fatally injured friend and flee to a pub half a mile away where he raised the alarm. Miss Bahia revealed: "He had never driven on a road before." The defendant had neither insurance nor a relevant driving licence. Tests revealed he had been smoking cannabis and had taken cocaine



Killed – Ryan Coney, 22

Morgan Chaplin, behind bars

beforehand. The four friends had been to Chasewater Reservoir but Chaplin was spooked by a car that followed them on the journey home, flashing its lights. He stopped outside the riding school in Lichfield Road to see what they wanted, then accelerated away, said Mr Stephen Cadwaladr, defending: "The reason he took off appears to be a fear of the three occupants of the other car."

The lawyer said the speeding Suzuki had travelled just 600 yards when it left the road.

Chaplin from Abbot Street, Bloxwich pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving, being under the influence of drugs, failing to stop after an accident and having neither insurance nor a full driving licence. He was ordered to be detained at a Young Offenders Institution and banned from driving for six years eight months.

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## Care home in low rating after third inspection

A CARE home has been rated inadequate for the third time this year by health inspectors.

Inspectors from the Care Quality Commission have revisited Leighswood care home on Lichfield Road in Rushall for the second time after it was placed in special measures back in January. After an inspection in June, the home was deemed to still be inadequate despite making some improvements. Now, the CQC has released its latest report on the home after visiting in July.

The home's safety, responsiveness, leadership, effectiveness and care were all rated inadequate in January with particular concerns raised over the way some patients were being moved. But after the inspection in June, where inspectors looked purely at the home's safety, it was ruled that the home was making the required improvements and was on course to come out of special measures.

However, the latest inspection says that has not happened.

Leighswood is now rated as inadequate in terms of safety and leadership, while it is deemed to require improvement in effectiveness, care and responsiveness.

Leighswood provides accommodation for people who require personal care for up to 23 people.

At the time of the CQC inspection there were 18 people living there.

A lack of staff was described as a factor in the inadequate safety rating, with the report stating: "Improvements were required in the manage-

## £3.8m boost for school in pipeline

PLANS for a £3.8 million revamp at a school are set to be given the go-ahead. Joseph Leckie Academy was given £3.89m from the Education Funding Agency earlier this year which will be used to build a new teaching block at the Walstead Road West site.

Walsall Council are set to officially sign off the plans at a planning committee today, Thursday.

The new block will consist of 14 classrooms as well as small group classrooms and office or storage space.

Earlier this year it was predicted that contractors will be on site in January 2018 and the building will be completed in March 2019. Keith Whittlestone, principal, said: "This investment in our Academy will further transform the learning environment for our students and their teachers."

The academy will also put in a bid next December for a further £4 million from the Education Funding Agency which if successful will provide further state-of-the-art facilities for sixth form teaching rooms.

# Plan to reduce size of allotment ditched

PLANS to reduce the size of a popular allotment have been thrown out as council bosses have agreed to uphold a decision by the Secretary of State.

Not only this, but £10,000 is to be spent on improving the allotment since the government minister rejected the original proposals.

Walsall Council chiefs had hoped to reduce the size of the allotment site off Borneo Street by eight plots.

They said that the aim of the plans was to create an improved access to

garages for people living on the road.

The council said it would compensate the loss of patches by enhancing facilities at the allotment site and creating more plots at its Clayhanger Street allotment.

But the Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government, MP Sajid Javid, ruled the council's plan was wrong.

It said the council had not done enough to ensure those allotment holders who would lose land would be

given alternatives. Council bosses had then said last month that they were 'considering their options' since the ruling.

However, a meeting of the council's Cabinet last Wednesday revealed that bosses have agreed to uphold the ruling of the Secretary of State.

A report into the matter, which was approved at the meeting, said: "Legal Services have reviewed the decision (of the Secretary of State) and concluded that the decision was well written,

clear and concise with no element which would justify a challenge by way of a judicial review.

"Cabinet confirms that the scheme should not proceed.

"Cabinet approves £10,000 of capital funding to be spent on improvements at Borneo Street allotments."

The allotments are owned by the council and under the Allotments Act 1925, any changes or improvements to such allotments must be approved by the Secretary of State.

# Council crackdown due on 'rogue' landlords

PEOPLE in Walsall are to be more protected from 'rogue landlords' as plans to improve housing standards in the borough have been approved.

Council bosses approved plans to fine landlords if they are shown to not be adhering to regulations in the properties they rent out.

It is hoped that the plans, once implemented, will also have a positive impact on issues that councillors feel are related to lower standards of living, including fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour.

According to the report discussed at a meeting of the council's Cabinet last Wednesday: "A formal Housing Standards and Improvement Enforcement Policy has a direct positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents within the borough. Much of the legislation that it covers relates directly to ensuring that dwellings are in condition that does not impact negatively on the health of the occupants or visitors."

### Improve

Issues that the new policy will deal with include excess cold, damp and mould in housing, electrical hazards, carbon monoxide poisoning and explosions as well as the distress and mental trauma caused by illegal evictions and or harassment.

Not only this, but the money from landlords who are fined will be paid to the council and used by the authority to improve housing conditions across the borough.

The report continued: "any fine levied is to be paid direct to the council for use in tackling 'rogue' landlords and or improving housing conditions rather than sums returning direct to government.

"With civil penalty fines income returns to the council rather than government and this fund can be directly used to continue to improve housing conditions and tackle rogue landlords."

Speaking at the meeting, Councillor Diane Coughlan, cabinet member for social care, said: "We agreed an update of the policy in December 2015 and the policy had to be reviewed in line with changes in national guidelines on both housing and tackling rogue landlords."

## Litter team targets Miner Island mess



Hundreds of cans, bottles and other rubbish were picked up by volunteers at the Miner Island

IT took a team of hard working volunteers just one day to clean up '10 to 15 years worth of rubbish' next to the Miner Island in Brownhills.

The group, called 'Back The Track', spent one Sunday picking up hundreds of cans, bottles and other rubbish from a disused section of cycle track space by the island after becoming fed-up with its uncleanness.

The group is campaigning to open the disused South Staffordshire Railway situated between Walsall and Lichfield as a leisure greenway and believe that this work marks the first step towards that.

"The litter pick took place underneath the island next to where the miner's statue stands. Brian Stringer, who helped organise the event, said: "I would like to thank

everyone who came out and gave up their time.

"I think that we can all be proud of what we have achieved.

"This area has been a pain in our side for 15 years. I thought enough is enough and put out a call to see if anyone would want to help.

"This is hopefully the start of our journey to open up the disused railway."

## New chief for whg appointed

A NEW housing boss for one of the region's biggest landlords has been appointed.

Fay Shanahan is now whg's new corporate director of operations and will now be responsible for the company's housing, health and wellbeing, IT and customer services teams.

She said: "I love housing and I love the difference we can make to people's lives. I am absolutely dedicated to making sure that at whg we continue to provide the best services we can for our customers, that we continually innovate and that we rise to the challenges with a strong, positive mindset."

## Health expert in diabetes effort

A WALSALL health expert is backing a campaign for the prevention of diabetes. Paul Wilson feels it's important for everyone to get involved and promote prevention of Type 2 Diabetes.

November 14 marks World Diabetes Day and this year the International Diabetes Federation is focusing on women with diabetes as it's theme. The campaign is being backed by all major health organisations to draw attention to the issues especially attributed to diabetes.

To get in touch email Paul at paul@teamwalsall.com

## Governor backs school expansion

A SCHOOL governor has welcomed plans to increase places for new pupils as part of a £9 million expansion programme.

Old Church Primary School in Darlaston is one of six across the borough set to be expanded as Walsall Council looks to create 105 extra spaces for pupils.

Darlaston councillor Doug James, who is a governor at the school, said: "Through the dedication and energy of our school staff all our local schools are reaching higher standards across the curriculum."

## Expansion at school gets council backing

PLANS for a school expansion have been approved. Shire Oak School on Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood, had applied to Walsall Council for permission to build a new single storey building to allow pupils to use at lunch times.

A planning application said that the current dining hall at the school is 'becoming more and more crowded' and that the issue had become a 'safety concern'. Walsall Council has decided to grant permission for the building.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# Brexit? He must think that we are all thick

DO you ever think that some of our public figures are actually Jeremy Beadle style wind-up merchants, liable at any minute to whip off their comedy wig and produce a hidden microphone?

I only ask following the breathtakingly arrogant and out-of-touch statement from John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, during a visit to Wolverhampton University.

Mr Speaker said he was "not a fan" of giving the public a vote on major issues such as Brexit, saying "nuanced and complicated" issues were best left to MPs. In other words, I think he's saying we're a bit thick. Best not to trouble the great unwashed with difficult stuff, just leave it to the intellectual titans at Westminster.

Let us not forget that three of the most prominent parliamentarians wheeled out by the Remain campaign last year were Alan Johnson, Lord Prescott and Sir John Major. Who, before entering Parliament had respectively worked as a postman, a ship's steward and a navy.

Nothing wrong with that, of course. Indeed, it is surely a good thing to have politicians who come from a similar background to the rest of us.

But they're not exactly rocket scientists, are they? If they can understand Brexit, then surely we can too.

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GREAT to hear Wolverhampton Council has spent £19,000 on a new "corporate image" for the city. The number of times I have driven through some of the riper parts of Horseley Fields and thought to myself "what this city really needs is a new logo."

It seems some of this money was spent on tickets for Wolves games and taxi rides, to give the consultants "a feel for the city". Can't say fairer than that, although they would have probably got more of a feel for the city in the subway next to the Mercedes garage.

The council says the consultants "undertook very thorough research over a number of months".

Anyhow, the good news is that the consultants have come up with a new logo, which is essentially a stylised letter "W" and the words "City of Wolverhampton" underneath, and hats off to them. You can't come up with ideas like that on the cheap.

Sadly, though, it has come too late to go on the new "Welcome to Wolverhampton" signs installed earlier this year at a cost of £23,000. Which is rather a shame, as they would have looked really good next to the boarded-up pub in Birmingham Road.

## We bought diesels believing they were better for planet



Actress Sian Webber – no such historical character as Lady Dorothy



Dodgy TV subtitles – one reader recalls 'Cold Daddy' for Colonel Gadafifi



Prime Minister Theresa May faces a dilemma over the Chancellor

# T for Toxic maybe, but they will stay

I WONDER how many of us driving older diesel cars which have now been branded T for Toxic in London, will do exactly the opposite of what the clean-air lobby expects. At a stroke, the market value of our old bangers has been reduced, so we are hardly likely to rush to the showroom and trade them for a shiny new model at a whopping loss. We are far more likely to keep on running them for as long as possible. We bought our diesels in the belief that they were not only economical but also better for the planet. The science changes, the politicians do their virtue-signalling and we take the hit.

A SURVEY for Woman's Hour reveals that the London borough of Islington is the worst place in Britain for women to live. But look at the wider results of this survey on favoured or despised places and one fact becomes blindingly obvious. A lot of women hate cities.

I HEARD a weather forecaster this week refer to sunny spells on "the extreme south coast." Not to be confused with the moderate, mild, rational or marginal south coast.

BRIGHTHOUSE, the so-called rent-to-own retailer, has been ordered to pay nearly £15 million to compensate about 250,000 customers and has been denounced by the Financial Conduct Authority for not being a "responsible lender." A reader reports getting an email, allegedly from BrightHouse, offering a refund and requesting his bank details. It's a scam. Bin it.

RESEARCHERS at Glasgow University reported a couple of years ago that, while English regional accents are vanishing, Scottish accents are thriving. If you doubt that, listen to Jamie Haron, the 27-year-old from Stirling jailed in Dubai

## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



for allegedly touching a man's hip, talking to reporters when he arrived at Glasgow Airport. It may have made perfect sense to everyone in Stirling but we Sassenachs were struggling.

THIS sort of interview must pose a dilemma for the TV companies. Imagine the diplomatic incident if the BBC, Sky or ITV started using subtitles for interviews in Scotland.

THE most distressing scene in Gunpowder (BBC1) was the execution of Lady Dorothy Dildale which required actress Sian Webber to strip naked before being crushed under weights. You can argue that such grisly and obscene detail is vital to tell the true story. Yet the truth is there was no such historical character as Lady Dorothy. She was created for the series, presumably to crank up the gore level.

I REFERRED a few days ago to the Co-op bank ending its policy of sending addressed envelopes with credit-card statements and trying to pretend that we customers asked for it "in our quest towards a paperless future." Making the public think they support some new policy is commonplace. Take the revelation that drivers may soon be prosecuted for any litter dropped from their car, even if somebody else dropped it. Part of Whitehall's justification for this is that a survey revealed 81 per cent of us are angry about the amount of litter on our roads. Well, of course we are. But it's a quantum leap from that to accepting the principle that Citizen A can

be punished for the sins of Citizen B. Once that notion gets into English law, where will it end?

THANKS for your memories of dodgy subtitles on television news reports. The technology does not seem to get better. One reader recalls 'Cold Daddy' for Colonel Gadafifi, and 'I ritz eye', the words allegedly uttered by a resigning politician. The recent Storm Ophelia was 'feely'.

A READER tells me she plucked up her courage, strode into a local shop and complained about the "tasteless and grotesque" Halloween decorations which featured blood-stained handprints on the shop window with the warning: "No-One Leaves." Good for her. The media moguls may own the airwaves but the streets are still ours. Defend them.

IS 'spreadsheet Phil' Hammond the most bumbling, blundering Chancellor of the Exchequer in living memory, whose political antennae, if indeed he ever had any, have simply withered out of existence?

Or is he, in fact, much smarter than most people have given him credit for, and just pretending to be gormless? My feeling is that Hammond is indeed a lot smarter, acute and well-meaning than many people have suggested.

Sometimes, you cannot help but get the impression that Hammond, who has been accused of near-sabotage over Brexit, is taunting the Prime Minister to take drastic action over his post. A rampant Hammond on the Tory backbenches could be real trouble for Theresa May.

So the Prime Minister faces a dilemma. Dumping your Chancellor is no minor matter, but how long can she tolerate this continued behaviour from a Chancellor who does not bother even to be subtle in his machinations?

## TALKING POINT



# Dog tired of dirty mutts in 'my space'

THE confession I am about to make is likely to shock, perhaps repulse and may lead to me becoming a social pariah.

But I refuse to maintain this veil of shame any longer. My name is Diane Davies and I don't like dogs!

This revelation will have consequences. Whenever I let any hint of my dislike show I am usually subjected to interrogation and a verbal bashing.

To the extent that I felt forced to hide this guilty secret for fear it could damage my career. With one previous boss I even pretended to like the dirty, needy creatures because they were a big dog lover.

People are genuinely surprised that I do not like dogs. Not that I wish them any harm of course. I just don't want them jumping up me demanding attention and pulling my clothes.

Is it right that whenever I venture out on a pleasant stroll at one of the many beauty spots on our doorstep that I can expect a mud-soaked mutt to come running up to me? The added sight of one of my children is guaranteed to throw a dog into a frenzy as an apparent play pal is on the scene.

Do the owners apologise profusely for their over-exuberant pet? Sometimes, but mostly it is accompanied by a beaming smile and the reassurance 'don't worry, they won't hurt you.'

What they are really saying is the animal has never actually hurt THEM. The dog has never met me before and hasn't encountered my daughter who is likely to want to hang onto its tail and want a piggyback. Even the most mild-mannered pet might find this annoying.

Friends and family are quite distraught that I do not want to pet their beloved pet. While I am quite distraught that the beloved pet is taking up half the sofa and when I finally get a seat I will be leaving the house wearing a blanket of animal hair.

Cynophobia is the fear of dogs, an actual medical condition which suggests that though we might be known as a nation of dog lovers not everyone is signed up to it. Bit like Brexit.

I don't have a phobia of dogs, I just prefer to stay away from them - if only they would do the same. In my experience dogs can sniff out people who are not dog-lovers and will come boisterously bounding up to us just to make us look bad.

It's not that I hate animals, I have two gorgeous cats. And life would be very dull if we were all the same and please don't judge me because I don't share your love of dogs. I'm a nice person really but please keep your mutts well away from me.

DIANE DAVIES

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# We were not privy to all facts

IN reply to D Bodley, I would say that nothing is irreversible. He says that we had a democratic vote to leave or stay in the EU. Maybe, but we were not privy to all the facts which appertained to us leaving.

Too much criticism of us remainers comes from people who come from a mythical golden age which never existed. The reason why we are a rich country is because of EU membership. We may pay in more than we get but we are part and parcel of something important despite what Bodley and others of his mindset may think. You join a club, you

pay membership, and no amount of tight fist winging should change that.

If we do leave the EU, and we do suffer, then I hope that Bodley and his crew pay my pensions, and pay for my NHS medications. These will suffer. But what care Bodley and co. As long as John Bull rolls a cheese down a hill, or roasts an ox or flies the Union Jack, then all will be fine. He and his sort will have future generations in poverty, and that will be a shameful thing.

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**CLLR DOUG JAMES**  
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## Time for left-wing take on Brexit issue

PETER Rhodes (article 12 October) takes exception to a correspondent's assertion that supporters of Brexit are right-wing.

I should have thought that if Rhodes glanced (appropriately) to the right of his own column from time to time he would see ample evidence to support that assertion. Those who support Brexit overwhelming display a view typical of the right – for example, prioritising the concept of the nation state over ideology or class, an opposition to regulation, often construed as “red tape” or a “burden”.

Rhodes is really clutching at straws when he calls in aid Jeremy Corbyn's criticism of the EU as evidence for left support for Brexit.

Corbyn is no longer in the first bloom of youth. His joints may be getting stiff, but I don't think he would advocate cutting off a leg as a cure for arthritis. I doubt if Corbyn's criticism of the EU has ever run along the lines of “Elf'n'safety gone mad, keeping workers alive!”

Still less can I imagine him blathering euphemistically about “our” borders and whinging about foreigners wishing to live and work here. A left critique of the EU is certainly possible, but doing anything about it will require international working-class solidarity, not one country wandering off into Brexit Lala-land.

**ALAN T HARRISON**  
Walsall

## EU laws are passed by the elected

I AM sad to see a factually inaccurate letter such as Peter Faultless's printed, in which he criticises the EU for a lack of democratic features.

He states that none of the EU law making bodies or individuals are directly elected. This is incorrect. EU laws have to be passed by the directly elected MEPs, and also by the European Council, which is composed of the heads of government/heads of state of the member countries; in other words, representatives of the democratically elected governments of the member states.

This contrasts, of course, with the UK, where laws are passed by directly elected MPs and also by the unelected House of Lords.

**JUDITH KING**  
Walsall

## Deceit on both sides

IN his recent reply to a letter of B Williams your regular contributor, Alan T Harrison says that he has no bias toward Brexit but is upset by lies of leave campaigners.

If he is a neutral ‘reluctant Remainer’ as he claims, does he not agree that those who wished to stay in the ‘European Club’ were just as deceitful in their alarming recitals of doom and gloom if the vote was to go against them? You cannot castigate one side only if you declare impartiality.

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# Carnival raises £3k to boost charities

**THIS** year's Pelsall Carnival raised more than **£3,300** for charities. The carnival, on July 8, saw cash raised for **Midland Air Ambulance, Acorns Childrens Hospice and more.**

This year marked the 45th annual instalment of the carnival and secretary Ian Rhhyderch thanked all of those who attended to help raise the money. He said: "I am very pleased to report that, Pelsall Carnival 2017 was a huge success and its profit was £3350.

"Being as it was a result of the generous people who attended the carnival, it is vitally important that they will know how it was divided between 23 deserving groups."

A total of £300 was given to Midland Air Ambulance, Acorns Childrens Hospice and St Giles Hospice, while £200 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Meanwhile, £150 went to Pelsall Disabled Persons Organisation, Pelsall over 60's Club, Pelsall Musical Society, Pelsall Royal British Legion, Pelsall Scouts, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and the 1st Pelsall Scout Group. £100 was

**By Jordan Harris**

given to the 425 Squadron Air Training Corps, Circle of Friends Sheffield, Walsall Schools Holiday Camp Trust, Pelsall Villa Colts Football Club, Pelsall Villa Football Club, Walsall Mayors Charity Fund, Alzheimers Society, Ryders Hayes Community School, Pelsall Village School, St Michaels Church School, The British Red Cross Association and Rushall Primary.

The next event organised by the Pelsall Carnival Committee is a Christmas Sleigh Round around the streets of Pelsall on December 15 and 16. If anyone with a child who is unable to get out to see the sleigh wants to speak about a private visit, call 01922 684695.

## Comedy short comes to life for Yamination



**A scene from My Daddy's Stinking Dancing Pants**

**WALSALL-BORN** animator Drew Roper did his bit to keep young people entertained over half term with his latest work aired on CITV.

The animator, who runs Yamination Studios in Birmingham, brought the idea of a young Children's ITV viewer to life to create 'My Daddy's Stinking Dancing Pants', a short comedy which received its first airing on Monday morning and was repeated throughout the week.

The short was put together as part of CITV's 'Share Your Story' campaign, which sees young people send their ideas to producers who then work with animation companies to bring them to life.

He is a multi-award win-



**Animator Drew Roper**

ning stop-motion artist and earlier this year he put together an advert for Disney's Guardians of the Galaxy Toys. He has also worked with Tim Burton, Sky TV, and Coca Cola. He has kept to his roots as the name of his studios comes from 'yam yam', a slang term referring to residents from the Black Country.

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# Youngsters revved up to find purpose in scheme

QUAD biking and road scrambling have stopped hundreds of young people causing a nuisance within their neighbourhoods.

Frank F Harrison Community Association has provided a safe hub to at least 200 people at risk of causing anti-social behaviour or becoming troublesome school students. The Walsall-based off-road motor biking project was able to support young people thanks to funding boost from the Big Lottery Fund two years ago.

Youth coordinator Liam Perrens said: "The funding has allowed us to provide a safe place for young people. At our MotoX track based in Bloxwich, the young people take part in off road scrambling, quad biking, motorbike maintenance, ground refurbishment, health and safety training and marshalling at private events."

The project, based in Stephenson Square, aims to give young people aged from eight to 22 a place to socialise and learn new skills by providing off-road motor biking activities.

It was handed a grant of just under £336,000 to support members through a 10-week course, which saw 70 young people continue to volunteer with the project and a further 14 complete a peer mentoring course.

Blakenall resident Luke Antill, who attended the course and is now a volunteer, was referred to the project by West Midlands Police after being spoken to several times for illegal riding.

The 21-year-old said: "I was hanging around the streets and riding anything I could get hold of on the canal path and local fields. I had nothing to do, nowhere to go and I was bored."

"Since taking part in the project I've stayed out of trouble and I now understand that illegal riding is really dangerous."



Luke Antill, seen on his quad bike



Luke working on one of the machines

## Stan hosts Russian TV show

FORMER Villa striker Stan Collymore will host a new show on a controversial channel starting on Friday, he has revealed on social media.

The 46-year-old will host The Stan Collymore Show on Russia Today, which has been described as 'Russian state propaganda'.

Collymore, of Cannock, left radio station talkSPORT last year after the

Wireless Group was bought by News Corp – the group that owns The Sun newspaper.

The former Walsall and Wolves youth team player announced his new venture on Twitter.

Collymore posted: "Lots of fun at The Stan Collymore Show @RT.com launch yesterday! Nov 3 series starts around the world!"

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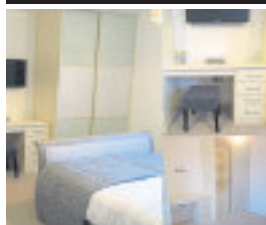


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## Baggies support helps Tommy's appeal

A FUNDRAISER for a young Baggies fan has topped its £20,000 goal. THE appeal in aid of six-year-old Tommy Brown, who lost his legs and right hand after he contracted meningitis as a young child, will allow his family to afford new prosthetics.

Tommy and his family, who are from Walsall, were invited to Albion's training ground where they were presented with a cheque for £21,004.68.

Tommy's favourite player James Morrison welcomed the family to the training ground and praised the efforts of fans who donated.

He currently has prosthetic legs supplied by the NHS, but he was unable to walk more than 18 steps with them on - and his family feared it would take years to fund the new £20,000 prosthetics.



Tommy Brown, of Walsall, getting prosthetic legs after £20,000 was raised

## Speeding driver in road ban walks free

**A SHOPKEEPER who was caught speeding in his Mercedes despite being banned from the road has been freed by top judges.**

Ahjaz Ali was locked up for seven months at Wolverhampton Crown Court in September.

The 60-year-old admitted fraud and doing acts tending and intending to pervert the course of justice, Mr Justice Green told London's Appeal Court.

Ali, who first passed his driving test at the age of 53, had his licence revoked in September 2010 after he admitted driving without due care and attention. But on May 14, 2014 he took out an online insurance policy declaring he

had a full UK driving licence and no motoring convictions or fixed penalty notices. Ali, of Highland Road, Cradley Heath was then recorded speeding on two occasions on January 20 and sent a notice of intended prosecution.

He did not respond and, when a reminder was sent, he identified someone else as the driver.

The police and DVLA became suspicious and Ali admitted in police interview that he had been driving the Mercedes on both occasions. He gave the false information because he knew his licence had been revoked and 'panicked'.

The judge who jailed Ali said he was 'aware that, had he provided accurate information to the police, it would have been discovered he was banned from driving'.

He was, however, of previous good character and had a 'high-standing in the community', the court heard.

Ali's lawyers argued his jail term should have been suspended.

They pointed to him being the owner of a shop which opens from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week.

Mr Justice Green ruled: "There were strong reasons for considering that immediate custody was not necessary and a suspended sentence would suffice. The judge failed sufficiently to address alternatives to immediate custody. "The appeal is therefore allowed," said the judge, who was sitting with Lord Justice Simon and Judge Mark Brown.

He concluded: "A sentence of six months imprisonment, suspended for 12 months, is imposed."

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# Travellers set up camp despite injunction at site

TRAVELLERS flouted an injunction to set up camp at the old Oak Park site in Walsall, sparking anger and calls for action to be taken.

A group of six caravans turned up at the Lichfield Road site last Tuesday evening, ignoring an injunction preventing them from doing so.

The encampment led to calls from councillor Anthony Harris, who represents Walsall Wood, for 'something to be done'. He said: "I think it is absolutely ridiculous, we just seem to be running around like headless chickens here, there is nothing we have done which is stopping this."

"There comes a point where something has to be done and I know our local MPs have been talking about this but it is time for action now surely. It isn't fair on residents that they have to pay for the mess to be cleaned up."

"These people are taking advantage of the good nature we have all over this country but it must be known that Walsall is a soft touch because they are always turning up here."

Recently, Aldridge-Brownhills MP Wendy Morton called for a 'three strikes rule' allowing police to seize traveller vehicles that persistently break the law during a debate in Westminster Hall.

During the debate, she urged ministers to explore new legislation giving police powers to impound and sell the assets of travellers who repeatedly set up illegal encampments.

She also launched a scathing attack on Walsall Council for failing to properly secure sites in the borough.

Of the latest encampment, Walsall Council said: "Community Protection Officers have visited the site to serve the injunction papers and will work with police colleagues to resecure the land as soon as possible."



Travellers at the site earlier this year

## Driver jailed over tragedy

A SPEEDING driver branded a coward by a judge has been jailed after he lost control of his car in a crash that led to the death of a care home manager.

Stephanie Grainger, aged 48, and from Cheslyn Hay, was out walking with her fiancé in Lichfield. Harry King, aged 21, was driving his Astra SRI along Beacon Street at 10.30pm last August.

As the couple walked along the road, King's Astra lost control on a mini-roundabout.

It mounted the pavement and

struck a sign before hitting them. Miss Grainger, who worked at Springfield House care home, was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, in Birmingham, but she died four days later.

Last week, at Stafford Crown Court, King, from Lichfield, was given four years and nine months after being convicted of death by dangerous driving.

He was disqualified from driving for six and a half years with a condition to pass an extended re-test.

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# New comedy night on target for second leg

A NEW comedy show held at a Walsall FC's Banks's Stadium has been hailed a success after the four funny men who took the microphone knocked it out of the park.

Nearly 600 people packed out a suite at the stadium for the first 'Just For Kicks' and they were not left disappointed at the rip-roaring laugh-fest that followed.

The debut event, which is now almost certain to become a regular fixture now, is the brainchild of Jonny Cole who was compere for the evening.

And the Wednesbury-born comic, combining his brilliantly brash Black Country persona and insightful song-writing, set the tone for a night of no-holds-barred and risqué fun lapped up by the local crowd.

## Deadpan

Brummie stand-up Joe Lycett was billed as the headline act but in reality all of the performers, including Cole, could have made a case for stealing the show. It turned out to be an impressively varied line-up.

Dudley's Wayne Beese provided more Black Country humour with his deadpan delivery. Next up was Manchester comedian Archie Kelly, best known for appearing as Kenny Dalglish Senior in Peter Jay's Phoenix Nights.

He was straight out of the blocks with some razor sharp gags that turned the momentum of the night up a notch before settling down into some side-splitting jokes around teaching.

While Lycett showed why he is one of the biggest up and coming names on the national circuit at the moment. Quite simply he took over taking audi-



Comedians Joe Lycett, Archie Kelly, Jonny Cole and Wayne Beese

ence interaction on the night to a new high.

Lycett's opening salvo featured him lying suggestively on the stage for the first ten minutes, outrageously flirting with two hapless brothers in the front row and kicking a microphone stand. But it all seemed to work.

The roar of approval at the close of the show will leave organisers Cole and Wayne Thomas confident of sell-

ing tickets for the follow-up show pencilled in for the same venue in April.

Cole said: "With the first one you are just trying to feel it out but we smashed it. The venue was brilliant. It's good for Walsall."

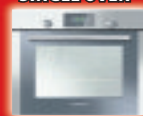
Wayne Thomas added: "We want to make this something we can perhaps do twice a year. We have pre-booked Friday, April 27 and have a few big names lined up already."

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Those up for auction are the Queen Square prowler Be-  
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It added that this had seen 'very  
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formance in its newly-opened stores  
Debenhams has reported a collapse in  
its annual profits.

Boss Sergio Bucher has blamed an  
'uncertain' trading environment. The

retailer, which also has a smaller store  
in Walsall, said pre-tax profit fell 44  
per cent to £59 million in the year to  
September 2, with like-for-like sales in  
the UK coming in flat.

The company also booked a £36.2m  
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# Robert's plastic fantastic bike recycled for Flog It!

**A QUIRKY bicycle and selection of Beatles autographs were among the items to be auctioned off when Flog It! hit the Black Country.**

The plastic concept bike was designed in the early 1980s and sold off by Robert Berry from Walsall – while the Fab Four's signatures netted one seller £1,500 more than expected.

Keen buyers and eager sellers packed Aston's Auctioneers & Valuers in Tower Street, Dudley to the rafters for the event, which was filmed by the BBC. Mr Berry's unusual plastic bike was one of the day's most interesting items. It was made as a concept idea between 1980 and 1982 and went for £190.

## Diamond

Meanwhile a postcard signed by each member of The Beatles went to a buyer for £3,500, after being valued at around £2,000. Patricia Holland, from Rhyl, who had kept the autographs in her family since the 1960s, said she was going to put the money towards a holiday. The touring BBC One show was at the family-run auction house, owned by father and son Phil and Chris Aston. The most expensive lot to go was a £9,800 diamond ring. Presenter Paul Martin was there to guide residents who had travelled from all over the West Midlands and beyond.

He said: "So far so good. We've had some good results. One of the best we had early on in the day were two vases shaped like herons that have gone for £200 to £300." The auction followed valuations at the RAF Cosford Museum earlier this month, which was the first time the programme had been



Robert Berry from Walsall who sold his plastic bike at Aston's Auctioneers



TV's Paul Martin with George Cooper and specialist Jonathan Pratt

to Shropshire in five years. More treasures unearthed on the day included a Chopard Millie Miglia wristwatch that went for £4,700 and a Rolex watch from the police lot that was sold for £4,100, again more than £1,000 over the estimated price.

Local sellers also benefited from the event including Eithne Johnston, aged 65 from Kingswood, near Altrington,

who auctioned off a plate that has been passed down through her family's generations from her grandmother.

She said: "It is something different to do. I've been to auctions before in Penkridge but only out of curiosity, and that is mainly furniture. This was the first time I was selling something so I wanted to see what I could dig up and to sell it for £25 was just fine."

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So happy – opening A-level results

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Our students achieve fantastic examination results and go on to study at a variety of universities both in the UK and abroad; secure places on competitive

apprenticeships and management programmes and explore the world whilst travelling during their gap years.

If you would like find out more about the Sixth Form at Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls, please attend our open evening or contact the school to arrange a visit. I look forward to meeting you.

Dr Barbara Minards  
Headteacher



Students making use of the new social study space



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# Business owners to pay more over the next three years

BUSINESS owners in Walsall are set to see the amount they pay in business rates increase over the next four years as the council looks to reduce its discretionary relief fund.

Council bosses agreed to bring in a new discretionary business rate relief plan at a meeting last Wednesday. The plan will see the amount the council offers go down over three years from 2018 to 2021. Business rates are charged on most non-domestic properties. Examples of non-domestic properties are business properties such as shops, offices, warehouses and factories. Every five years, a re-evaluation of business rates takes place to reflect changes in market values.

The amount a business owner has to pay each year is on the basis of the valuation of their property. The council has a relief fund

# Joan's back in saddle after 65 years for event

AN inspirational 85-year-old grandma is back on her bike after 65 years despite age and back problems. Joan Reynolds, from Walsall, last cycled around the Walsall Arboretum, near to where she lives, when she was a teenager but started back again with a group of women, aged 40 to 85, as part of the Big Bike Revival.

She said: "Sometimes I get these funny ideas and just ride with them. The Big Bike Revival events helped me with advice about the right type of bike to get which is important for me to stay safe – especially at my age. If I get injured it could be much more serious.

She was not off to a speedy start with the programme – run and funded by Cycling UK – that helps community groups and organisations put on cycling activities and offers free bike repairs and maintenance.

Now she cycles every Tuesday morning around the Walsall Arboretum with a group of four to five riders and the next session is on October 31.

She said: "I've got quite short legs and even though they gave me their smallest adult bike to try it was still almost too big for me.

"I was a bit wobbly at first, but soon started to get the hang of it.

"We went a short distance around the Arboretum, I can't remember exactly how far but up to the large gate. I can honestly say I thoroughly enjoyed doing it and trying something different. I'm chuffed to bits.

## Lucky

"When I look back I can't believe I actually did the bike ride. Lesley and Gary were really good at guiding me and looked after me throughout the ride. I was lucky to have them there. My daughter said whatever are you going to do next. She was really chuffed for me."

Lesley is a volunteer with Cycling UK who rode with Joan.

She said: "Joan is an inspirational lady. She had no fear and was determined to ride that bike!

"When she set off down the pathway in Walsall Arboretum two of us ran alongside her but after a couple of wobbly moments she started to sing which helped her relax and she was off!

"In fact, we had to tell her to slow down as we struggled to keep up with her. So, it's true to say you are never too old to ride a bike."

To find the nearest event, visit <https://www.cyclinguk.org/events-listing>



Thumbs up for Joan Reynolds at Walsall Arboretum

# HomeServe chief to retire after 9 years

ONE of HomeServe's non-executive directors is retiring after nine years on the board.

Senior independent director Mark Morris will retire from the Walsall-based household repairs and maintenance business on February 27.

HomeServe chairman Barry Gibson said: "I would like to record our appreciation to Mark for his significant support and contribution to the board, in particular in his role as chairman of the audit and risk committee. On behalf of my board colleagues I would like to wish him every success in the future."

Ron McMillan has been appointed as a non-executive director with immediate effect and will succeed Mr Morris as chairman of the audit and risk committee.

Mr McMillan worked in PricewaterhouseCooper's assurance business for 38 years and has extensive knowledge and experience in auditing, financial reporting and governance.

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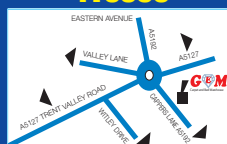
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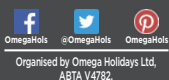
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# Plant burns bright with Carry Fire

## ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

**ROBERT Plant, the Black Country's Prince of Wails, returns with Carry Fire, his first album in three years.**

It has to rate as one of his finest albums since the demise of Led Zeppelin as an ongoing project, sounding fresh but with echoes of former glories.

Surrounded by his expert ensemble of rock and folk musicians – The Sensational Shapeshifters – Plant kicks off with The May Queen, freewheeling acoustic guitar and a vibe close to Zep's Bron-Yr-Aur Stomp and Gallows Pole.

The lower register of the 69-year-old rock god's voice means he has never sounded more vulnerable, mellow and warmly mortal. This adds a poignant quality to the dustblown Season's Song and rolling elegiac Dance With You Tonight. There is a sense of foreboding on A Way With Words and Heaven Sent, the latter a song that Lane Del Ray would covet.

Carving Up The World, with its skiffle rhythm and nice blues licks, is a rocking riposte to Brexit and Trumpism, New World an anti-colonial sequel to Immigrant Song and Bones Of Saints rails against warmongers.

The world music element is brought to the fore on the title track with its North African and Spanish influences, both Moorish and very moreish. Plant duets with Chrissie Hynde on a psychedelic blues revamp of old rockabilly number Bluebirds Over The Mountain.



Robert Plant and the Shapeshifters sound fresh but also echo former glories

Plant brings his Shapeshifters for gigs at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on November 20 and Birmingham Symphony Hall on December 12.

On the cusp of the big time since their 2015 debut My Love Is Cool and a storming Glastonbury set last year, London indie outfit **Wolf Alice** have become the UK's premier alt-rock band.

Blending shoegaze guitar swirl with grungy hard rock, dream pop and even haunted folk, Visions Of A Life, second album from the four-piece fronted by Ellie Rowsell, matches the ferocity and energy of their live performances.

There are plenty of contrasts, such as the weary riot grrrl blast of Yuk Foo (you can guess the sentiment) with the sweet yet steely vulnerability of Ellie's vocal on Planet Hunter.

Formidable Cool is a hard-hitting song about a date rape creep, the dark and claustrophobic Sky Musings use the fear of flying as a metaphor whilst Space & Time is a punk rocker for the mosh pits.

Don't Delete The Kisses is classic bitter-sweet Wolf Alice with half-spoken vocal and a potent chorus, and Beautiful Unconventional is a new indie anthem. Sadboy is a propulsive grower and St Purple & Green a slow burning ballad.

The psych-folk of After The Zero Hour and the title track, a rock epic with oriental feel, have a Led Zeppelin atmosphere.

Wolf Alice are in concert at Birmingham O2 Academy on November 16.

**The Hawklords**, featuring former Hawkwind members Harvey Bainbridge and Jerry Richards, are stuck in a timewarp of a 1970s future past on new album Six.

But the retro synths and space rock riffs have a certain strangeness and charm, despite some clunky clichéd lyrics. Prog rocking epics Nightside and Los Cavatina are the highlights.

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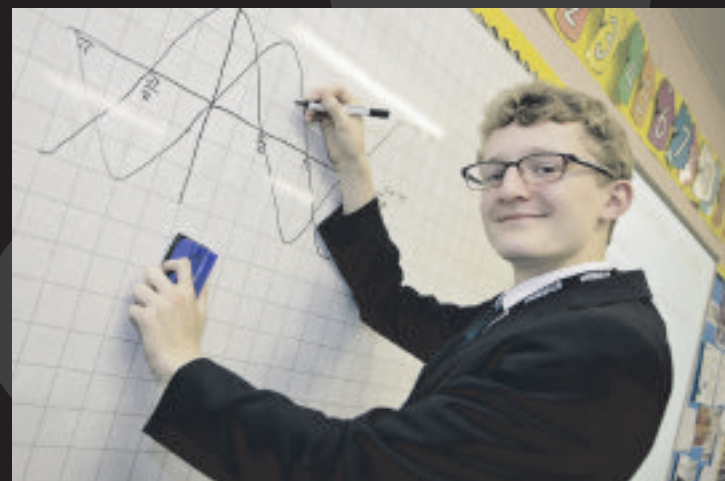
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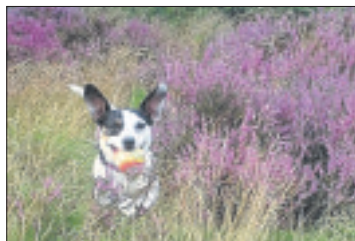
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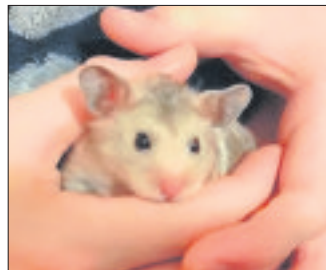
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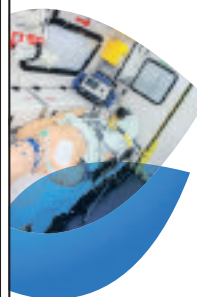
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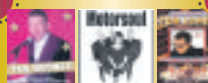
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# Pam: My show's not just for old folk

**P**am Ayres has been a writer, broadcaster, and entertainer for more than 40 years. She is one of the few authors who has had books in the Sunday Times bestseller charts in almost every decade since the 1970s. She is the author of several best-selling poetry collections, including *The Works*, *With These Hands*, *Surgically Enhanced* and *You Made Me Late Again!*.

And many of her poems are in school textbooks around the world including the UK, USA, China, Australia, New Zealand, Holland, South Africa, Ireland and Singapore.

In 2016, once again, the most borrowed poetry book in UK Libraries was Pam's most recent book, *You Made Me Late Again*. And this year she's back on the road with a new tour that reaches Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Saturday night.

Pam is one of the most popular female comedians performing in UK theatres. Her autobiography, *The Necessary Aptitude*, was the UK's bestselling female autobiography of 2011, and her 2013 book of poetry, *You Made Me Late Again*, went straight into the Sunday Times bestseller lists.

## ROYAL

She has appeared three times for HM The Queen – at the Silver Jubilee Royal Variety Performance in 1977, at a Royal Gala Charity Reception at St James Palace in 1996, when Pam, as the only entertainer, performed part of her solo stage show, and finally at Sandringham Women's Institute in 2004, when the Queen attended in her capacity as President of the Sandringham WI.

Subsequently, she was honoured to be awarded the MBE in Queen's Birthday Honours of 2004.

She is presently performing in more than 30 theatre and festival shows and is delighted to be back.

"I hope it will be fun. I'm on stage for two hours and I'll be using poems and stories and anecdotes and jokes. You have to vary it as much as you possibly can. I'll use old and new poems – things like *I Wish I'd Looked After My Teeth*.

"I'll use sad pieces too. We moved house after 28 years, which just about broke my heart, and I realise that's a commonly-shared feeling. There's also a piece about when children go to uni and the great gulf that leaves in your life.

"It's new and old. I always try and move it on all the time. I don't go round doing the same thing. I keep a very careful record of what I've said in a particular theatre. I try to write new material all the time and I've had a good writing period last winter."

There's no surefire way to write a brilliant new poem. Pam has to wait until the muse strikes and surf those creative ways.

"The process is waiting and praying for a good idea. That's the crux of it. It's to get a good idea that will strike a chord with lots of other people. Those things aren't that easy to find.

"I've been writing about long distance flying recently, that's come together quite well. It's looking for a good idea, then I work on it in the mornings. I go in each morning and work on the ideas I've got. I try to approach the subject from all sorts of different angles.

"A lot of my time is spent groping for good ideas. When I find one, I'm delighted. I try and do something good with it. You have to find something people will identify with."

Pam's a predominantly older audience but social media has allowed her to connect with a new generation. She is on Twitter and is constantly surprised about the new young people who come along.

"I do little political tweets and a bit of sniping from the sidelines, that's brought in quite an interesting new audience.

A way with words – Pam's tour reaches the Grand on Saturday



*The show's full of new and old. I try and move it on all the time*

"It's not a show aimed at the old. I get three generations."

She is proud that performance poetry is now mainstream and feels a sense of kinship with new stars.

"I look now at the number of performance poets that there are and I do feel that it's partly down to me. Because I don't know of anybody except Cyril Fletcher who was doing his odd odes, sitting in an armchair and doing a bit of verse, who opened up the doors to it.

## FLATTERING

"There was no-one going around with funny poems, using those as the main thrust of the evening. Phil Jupitus said to me 'you are the reason I'm a performance poet'. I didn't set out to be a performance poet. I wrote those things and if I'd been musical I'd have made them into funny songs. But I couldn't do that and everybody fell about laughing when I spoke them and that was good enough. I do feel a lot of people came after me, which is flattering."

Touring is bliss and she finds herself playing in Gibraltar, Althorp and Dubai, among other places. "You finish in all these amazing spots that you'd never in 100 years go to unless you did it for a living.

"I don't like the travel because the roads are busier but I love talking to an audience is great. I'm not as scared as I was at the beginning. If you are successful on a talent show these days you are thrown to enormous audiences before you're ready. Well, I'm not new but I still love it."

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Paul Bradley and Jessie Wallace



## Soap stars head cast in classic spine-chiller

Former EastEnders stars Paul Bradley and Jessie Wallace head the cast in Ira Levin's classic thriller *Deathtrap* at the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, next week.

Directed by Adam Penford, it runs from November 7 to 11.

BAFTA nominated actress Wallace, and Bradley, who is also well-known as Elliott Hope in *Holly City*, a role he played for 10 years, will be joined by Sam Phillips, Beverly Klein and Julien Ball.

One of the most successful plays in its genre, *Deathtrap* centres on Sidney Bruhl (Bradley), a once successful writer of stage thrillers, who is in the grip of chronic writer's block. Out of the blue, young playwright Clifford Anderson (Phillips) sends Bruhl one

of the only two copies of his brilliant new whodunnit, *Deathtrap*. Desperate to set Broadway alight once more, Bruhl spies his chance to invite Clifford to his remote country home, bringing the only other copy of *Deathtrap* with him.

If Bruhl can kill the newcomer and pass the play off as his own, he could once again be the toast of Broadway.

A spine-chiller guaranteed to keep the audience on their edge of their seats, *Deathtrap* continues to hold the record as the longest running thriller in Broadway history. It was subsequently made into a hit film starring Michael Caine and Christopher Reeve.

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## Beautiful story of Carole's rise to fame



A TALENT show finalist has the beautiful role of Carole King in a musical about the songwriter's life. *Beautiful – The Carole King Musical* is being staged at the Birmingham Hippodrome next week.

It stars Brontë Barbé, pictured, a finalist in Andrew Lloyd Webber's BBC1 series *Over The Rainbow* in 2010. She has since appeared on stage in both London's West End and around the UK and was last seen locally at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre as Princess Fiona

in *Shrek – The Musical*. She will be joined by Kane Oliver Parry as King's husband and songwriting partner Gerry Goffin, with Amy Ellen Richardson and Matthew Gonsalves as fellow songwriters Cynthia Weil, and Barry Mann. Life Without George star Carol Royle is King's mother Genie Klein and Adam Howden is publisher and producer Donnie Kirshner.

The Olivier, Tony and Grammy Award-winning West End and Broadway musical tells the inspiring true story of King's rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with Goffin, to her relationship with Weil and Mann, to becoming

one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history.

Along the way, she wrote the best-selling album *Tapestry*, which featured the likes of (You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman and You've Got a Friend.

Other classics include It Might as Well Rain Until September and The Locomotion.

Showtimes are at 7.30pm, Tuesday to Saturday, with matinees on Wednesday and Thursday at 2pm and on Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are from £18. See bookings. [birminghamhippodrome.com](http://birminghamhippodrome.com)

## Top acts appear in hair-raising festival

Big names appear in Wolverhampton as part of a comedy festival that will see more than 120 events staged across the city. Jimmy Carr is at the Civic tomorrow (Friday), prankster Lee Nelson is at the Wulfrun on the same night and the wacky Milton Jones, pictured, at the Civic the following night.



In Birmingham, Joe Brown is at Town Hall on Saturday, the same night Jamiroquai play at the Arena. ABC/Kid Creole perform at the Symphony Hall on Monday.

## Strictly legal – and one Elle of a musical

EastEnders' Rita Simons, UK Eurovision entrant and former Coronation Street and Emmerdale actor Bill Ward star in a major new UK tour of *Legally Blonde – The Musical*, which runs at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton next week.

Centring on Elle Woods, who heads to Harvard Law School after her boyfriend dumps her for someone more serious, it runs from November 7 to 11. Press & PR manager Scott Bird said: "This is a hugely exciting cast to be presenting *Legally Blonde The Musical* at the Grand Theatre in the first professional production of the show to play here."

Showtimes are Tuesday-Thursday 7.30pm, Friday at 5pm and 8.30pm and Saturday at 2.30 and 7.30pm. For tickets from £19.50, with a £3 booking fee, call 01902 429212 or visit [grandtheatre.co.uk](http://grandtheatre.co.uk)

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**NCIS: New Orleans (Channel 5, 10pm)** New series. The naval crime drama spin-off returns, picking up with Pride and his team in the wake of the departure of Meredith Brody, who left for good after a close call with a terrorist. Concerns are raised about whether the unit has been irreparably compromised, and FBI special agent Tammy Gregorio is assigned to discover the truth. However, the agents are quickly given a chance to prove their effectiveness, as they co-ordinate with various other federal agencies to track down a sniper targeting special events across New Orleans. Starring Scott Bakula, Lucas Black, Vanessa Ferlito, Rob Kerkovich, Daryl Mitchell, Shaila Grant, CCH Pounder, Derek Webster, Doris Morgado, Jared Day and Steven Weber.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Hairys Bikers' Comfort Food. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News. Weather. **1.15** Rugby League World Cup. **2.45** Film: Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted. (2012) Animated comedy, with the voice of Ben Stiller. **4.10** Final Score. **5.10** Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme. **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

**6.00** **Pointless Celebrities.** Lucy Porter, Rob Deering, Rachel and Stanley Johnson, John Shuttleworth, Dave Gorman, Carol McGiffin and Charlotte Crosby all take part in the unorthodox quiz show.

**6.50** **Strictly Come Dancing.** The pressure for the pro-celebrity couples remains as high as ever, as the competition enters its seventh weekend. The 10 remaining duos once again take to the dance-floor to demonstrate whether another week of rigorous training has improved their footwork, while judges Shirley Ballas, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell assess their performance. Each star will be hoping to claim a high score from the adjudicators, placing them in a better position to avoid facing a dreaded elimination dance-off following the public vote.

**8.20** **Casualty.** New junior doctor Rash faces nightmare first day in the ED, and Lily must listen to either her head or her heart as she decides whether to take a research position in Hong Kong.

**9.10** **Gunpowder.** Catesby and his gang load the tunnels below Parliament with gunpowder, but across the city, Father Garnet faces pressure to betray them to the authorities. Last in the series.

**10.10** **BBC News.** Weather.; National Lottery Update.

**10.30** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including West Ham United v Liverpool.

**11.50** **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Thursday night's game, plus a look at the major stories shaping the NFL.

**12.20** **Film:** The Double. (2011) **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.15** How We Won the War. (R) **6.45** Animal Park Summer Special. (R) **7.30** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **8.00** Deadly 60. (R) **8.30** Live Rugby League World Cup. **11.30** Coast. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends. (R) **1.00** Nigella: At My Table. (R) **1.30** Natural World. (R) **2.30** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.30** Italy Unpacked. (R) **4.30** Mastermind. (R) **5.00** Flog It! (R)

**6.00** **The Big Family Cooking Showdown.** The three most successful families return for the final, in which they prepare food for a big family get-together, including nibbles, main courses and desserts. Last in the series. (R)

**7.00** **Britain Afloat.** Mary-Ann Ochota reveals how a recreational sport developed by fisherman working on the Mersey led to the creation of pleasure sailing, and the formation of exclusive sailing clubs.

**7.30** **Front Row.** Giles Coren presents an Agatha Christie-themed edition of the cultural review show, featuring an interview with Murder on the Orient Express director and star Kenneth Branagh.

**8.00** **Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands.** Paul Murton journeys around the coast of the Long Island of Harris and Lewis, beginning on Skarp, travelling north to Great Bernera, then south east to Scalpay. (R)

**8.30** **Dad's Army.** The older members of the platoon take drastic action when they are threatened with being made air-raid wardens, transforming themselves in a bid to appear younger. (R)

**9.00** **Josh Widdicombe: What Do I Do Now.** A recorded performance of the comedian's show at the Hammersmith Apollo, in which he vents his frustration at everything from an overflowing shower to his contactless debit card.

**10.00** **QI XL.** With Aisling Bea, Joe Lycett and David Mitchell.

**10.45** **Later – with Jools Holland.** Last in the series.

**11.50** **Film: Red Tails.** (2012) Black US fighter pilots battle both the German air force and racism in their own ranks. Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Terrence Howard.

**1.45** **Film:** Love. (2011) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Treks Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.00** Scrambled!: Wishart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.25** Gino's Italian Coastal Escape. (R) **11.55** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.50** The Harbour. (R) **1.20** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** The X Factor Live. (R) **3.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **3.55** Film: Father of the Bride. (1991)

**6.00** **Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs.** Paul meets a pair of old labradors who cannot bear to be apart for one second and a tiny puppy with an anti-social behaviour problem. (R)

**6.25** **Regional Programme:** Weather.

**6.35** **ITV News:** Weather.

**6.50** **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates another selection of hilarious home videos, including a toddler's explosive encounter with a cake, and a pole-dancer's disaster in a kitchen.

**7.15** **Ninja Warrior UK.** Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara. (R)

**8.20** **The X Factor Live.** Dermot O'Leary hosts as the nerve-jangling live stage of the talent contest continues, and the remaining acts step on-stage to face scrutiny at the hands of the judges.

**10.05** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** Actress and director Jodie Foster, comedian and bestselling author David Williams, and GameFace star Roisin Conaty join Jonathan for a chat, and Blondie perform in the studio.

**11.10** **ITV News:** Weather.

**11.25** **Film: Forgetting Sarah Marshall.** (2008) A jilted man takes a trip to Hawaii, only to find his ex and her new boyfriend are staying at the same resort. Romantic comedy, with Jason Segel and Kristen Bell.

**1.20** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.25** Adventure Racing: Spartan Race Europe. **6.50** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.15** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.45** Frasier. (R) **8.10** Frasier. (R) **8.35** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.55** The Simpsons. (R) **10.20** The Simpsons. (R) **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.20** The Simpsons. (R) **11.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **4.30** Best Laid Plans. **5.30** Location, Location, Location. (R)

**6.30** **Channel 4 News.**

**7.00** **Volatile Earth: Killer Volcanoes.** New series. The first of three documentaries in which scientists who are experts in the field of natural disasters identify the most extreme catastrophes to have ever occurred on Earth, piecing together the stories of these events via the debris left in their wake.

**8.00** **Pearl Harbour: The New Evidence.** Documentary shedding light on whether there is any truth to conspiracy theorists' suggestions that London and Washington had been aware the Japanese were planning to assault the American naval base at Pearl Harbour in 1941, but refused to act on the intelligence as part of a plot to bring the full might of America's military into the Second World War. In the wake of the attack, an investigation into how US forces failed to anticipate the assault concluded that Admiral Husband Kimmel, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, had been guilty of dereliction of duty, a charge that left his career in tatters. (R)

**9.00** **Film: The Other Woman.** (2014) A woman is devastated to learn her boyfriend is actually married, but when she meets his wife, they quickly become friends. When they discover he has a third secret lover, they decide to join forces and teach him a lesson. Comedy, starring Cameron Diaz.

**11.10** **Film: Unknown.** (2011) Thriller, starring Liam Neeson.

**1.15** The Last Leg SU2C Special. (R) **2.10** Holyoaks. **4.20** Location, Location. (R) **5.15** Kirstie's Vintage Home. (R) **5.35** Draw It! (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.50** The Gadget Show. (R) **10.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.45** Film: The 12 Gifts of Christmas. (2015) Comedy, starring Katrina Law. **1.25** Film: The Christmas Card. (2006) Romantic drama, with John Newton and Alice Evans. **3.10** Film: Christmas in the City. (2013) Drama, starring Ashley Williams. **4.10** 5 News Update. **4.15** Film: Christmas in the City. (2013) Concluded. **5.00** Film: A Mission for Christmas. (2015) Premiere. Christmas drama, starring Lindsey Gort. **6.00** 5 News Update. **6.05** Film: A Mission for Christmas. (2015) Concluded. **6.45** Film: Rio Lobo. (1970) A former Union Army colonel heads for Texas to recover a shipment of gold bullion stolen from a payroll train during the American Civil War and settle a few old scores along the way. Howard Hawks' Western, starring John Wayne, Jorge Rivera, Christopher Mitchum, Jack Elam, Jennifer O'Neill and Mike Henry. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Bristol City v Cardiff City at Ashton Gate, Brentford v Leeds United at Griffin Park, and Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday at Villa Park. **10.00** **NCIS: New Orleans.** New series. The naval crime drama spin-off returns, as Pride and company co-ordinate with other federal agencies to track down a sniper targeting special events across New Orleans. **10.55** **NCIS: New Orleans.** The FBI gets involved in an investigation into the murder of a US Navy officer, in which Pride's friend Elvis Bertrand, a US Navy intelligence analyst, is the prime suspect. **11.50** **Lip Sync Battle UK.** Melanie Brown and Professor Green present the musical game show as actor Danny Dyer and dancer Craig Revel Horwood go head to head lip-synching to a hit song. (R) **12.15** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** The Yorkshire Vet. Peter Wright attends to a feisty Highland cow. (R) **4.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **4.50** Great Scientists. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.40** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**

**7.00** The Inca: Masters of the Clouds **8.00** Gunpowder 5/11: The Greatest Terror Plot **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.35** The Vietnam War **12.30** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.55** Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies **2.55** The Inca: Masters of the Clouds **3.55** Close ITV2

**12.20** Take Me Out **1.30** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **2.00** Film: See Spot Run (2001) **3.00** FYI Daily **3.05** Film: See Spot Run (2001) **4.05** Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **6.10** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **7.15** FYI Daily **7.20** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **12.50** Timewasters **1.20** Bromans **2.20** Viral Tap **3.00** Teleshopping

**ITV3**

**11.05** Film: Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo (1990) **1.05** Foyles War **3.10** Midsomer Murders **11.00** The Syndicate **12.05** Foyles War **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

**ITV4**

**11.25** Shed and Buried **1.30** ITV Racing Live from Ascot and Wetherby. Coverage of today's race meetings at Ascot and Wetherby. **4.00** Pawn Stars **4.55** Hornblower **7.00** Live World Series of Darts Finals. Coverage of day two from Glasgow. **11.00** Film: The Glimmer Man (1996) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10** Film: The Glimmer Man (1996) **12.50** The Sweeney **1.50** The Classic Car Show **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

**E4**

**11.30** Film: Toy Story OF TERROR! (2013) **12.00** How I Met Your Mother **1.00** The Goldbears **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off: The Final **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Iron Man 2 (2010) The hero battles a vengeful new foe, but finds the armour he created to fight evil is killing him. Adventure, with Robert Downey Jr. **11.25** Gogglebox **1.30** Naked Attraction **2.35** Rude Tube **3.25** Tattoo Fixers **4.20** How I Met Your Mother **5.05** Black-ish **Film4**

**11.00** Bridge to Terabithia (2007) **1.00** Coneheads (1993) **2.40** Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) **4.45** Earthquake (1974) **7.10** Legend (1985) **9.00** 47 Ronin (2013) **11.15** The Transporter (2002) **1.00** Dog Soldiers (2002) **3.15** Close

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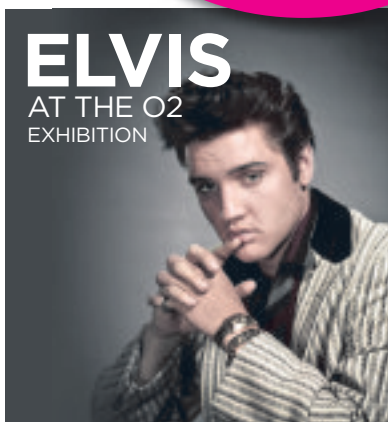
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Indira Varma

**Unspeakable (Channel 4, 9pm)**  
One-off drama, starring Indira Varma as a mother who receives an anonymous text message warning her that her 11-year-old daughter is being abused by her new boyfriend, who has only just moved in with her. Unable to share her fears with anyone else, she succumbs to paranoia over the course of a weekend. Luke Treadaway, Neil Maskell, Kate Ashfield, Will Thorp, Nina Sorrentino, Lucas Bond, Jordan Whyte, Anil Desai, Sophie Brooke, Alison Garner, Ffion Jolly, Lucinda Holloway and Abigail Wisdom also star.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Points of View. **1.30** Lifeline. **1.45** FA Cup Final Score. **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** Blue Planet II. (R) **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme. **6.00** **Panorama**. In-depth current affairs report. **6.30** **Countryfile**. Matt Baker reports on a new charter to protect Britain's woodlands and Ellie Harrison meets seal pups at Skomer in a special episode themed around Autumn. **7.15** **Strictly Come Dancing – The Results**. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of last night's show before another couple leave the contest. Featuring a musical performance from Stereophonics. **8.00** **Blue Planet II**. Creatures that live in volcanic hot spots on the ocean bed, areas that reach temperatures hot enough to melt lead and which may hold the secrets behind all life on Earth. Other strange creatures from the depths of the sea include bone-eating worms, fish that walk rather than swim, and hordes of squid. Plus, footage of sharks in a feeding frenzy over the dead body of a whale and the wildlife of the Midnight Zone in the Pacific, an area that never receives any natural light, forcing creatures to rely on their own bioluminescence. **9.00** **The Last Post**. Joe's future in the army hangs in the balance, as Honor struggles with the revelations about his past. Markham is torn between his duty and his conscience. Last in the series. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, including Chelsea v Manchester United and Manchester City v Arsenal. **11.45** **Ronny Chieng: International Student**. New series. Sitcom starring the comedian as a Malaysian student who comes to an Australian university to study law. Ronnie enters a drinking contest to win access to a book. **12.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.05** How We Won the War. (R) **6.35** A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.20** Great British Garden Revival. (R) **8.20** The Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **11.30** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Natural World – Echo: The Unforgettable Elephant. (R) **2.00** Wild Brazil. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Rugby League World Cup. **5.30** MOTD: FA Cup Highlights. **7.00** **Top Gear**. Matt LeBlanc drives an eight-wheeled rescue vehicle from Russia. Rory Reid turns the world's ugliest car into a luxury yacht, and Chris Harris reviews the new Porsche Cayman. Jamiroqui frontman Jay Kay is the studio guest. Last in the series. (R) **8.00** **Robot Wars**. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the third round, with robots Apex, Vulture, Terrorhurtz, Track-Tion, Bucky the Robot and Rapid battling it out. Among the contestants controlling the machines are a group of schoolchildren who are this series' youngest entrants and a team that has spent more money on their robot than any of their rivals. **9.00** **Film: Louis Theroux: My Scientology Movie**. (2015) Premiere. The reporter investigates the controversial religious organisation, but finds himself denied access to anyone involved. Adopting a different approach, he resorts to recruiting actors to re-enact the personal stories of former members – only to find his project is under surveillance by representatives of the church. **10.35** **Snowfall**. Franklin causes trouble by bringing his drunken father to Jerome and Louie's July 4 barbecue. Teddy and Alejandro crash land in the Mexican desert while flying back from Nicaragua. **11.20** **Film: The Ring**. (2002) A journalist investigates teenage deaths linked to a videotape, which is rumoured to cause the demise of anyone who watches it. Horror remake, with Naomi Watts and Martin Henderson. **1.05** Sign Zone: Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Kilnmock, East Ayrshire, where panellists include former Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale and the Stagecoach founder Brian Souter. (R) **2.05** Holby City. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Sooty. **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission: Emplovable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Make It Pop. (R) **9.00** Scrambled!: Wishart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Film: Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo. (1990) **1.00** ITV News; Weather. **1.10** The X Factor Live. (R) **2.50** Catchphrase. (R) **3.35** Ball and Boe: Back Together. (R) **4.35** A Very Royal Wedding. (R) **5.50** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.00** **ITV News**; Weather. **6.10** **The Chase: Celebrity Special**. Bradley Walsh presents as celebrity contestants Hannah Mills, Chris Ramsey, Dion Dublin and Lesley Garrett pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught. **7.05** **The X Factor Live**. Dermot O'Leary hosts the second of this weekend's two live shows, as the acts strive to ensure a place in next week's episodes – while judges Simon Cowell, Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger and Louis Walsh will be hoping to ensure their favoured acts make it through to the next stage. **9.00** **Sheridan**. Sheridan Smith performs songs from her debut album as well as other favourite numbers, accompanied by a live orchestra. In between musical numbers, she chats to Alexander Armstrong about her career. **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** Peston on Sunday. (R) **11.15** **Car Crash Britain: Caught on Camera**. Documentary focusing on crashes, miracle escapes and bad driving, with stories including a daughter's tribute to her dad's life-saving driving skills. (R) **12.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.00** Kevin Can Wait. **6.25** Kevin Can Wait. **6.50** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.15** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** The Great British Bake Off: The Final. (R) **4.45** Channel 4 News. **5.15** Film: Paddington. (2014) Family comedy, starring Hugh Bonneville. **7.00** **Escape**. Five engineers are stranded in Arctic conditions and must assemble a vehicle to escape in from the wreckage of a snowmobile and a light aircraft. The team combines skills ranging from aircraft mechanics to vehicle engineering – but struggle to agree on exactly what they should be building. With Ant Middleton. **8.00** **Great Canal Journeys**. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Marne-Rhine Canal in Alsace and Lorraine, close to France's border with Germany and running through forests, mountains and valleys. They get to grips with an unfamiliar system of locks, sample local wines, and pay a visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg. **9.00** **Unspeakable**. One-off drama, starring Indira Varma as a mother who receives an anonymous text message warning her that her 11-year-old daughter is being abused by her new boyfriend, who has only just moved in with her. Unable to share her fears with anyone else, she succumbs to paranoia over the course of a weekend. **10.00** **Gogglebox: Celebrity Special for SUCC**. Critiques of popular and topical TV shows, featuring some well-known faces appearing in support of the Stand Up to Cancer initiative. (R) **11.00** **Film: The Railway Man**. (2013) The wife of a former prisoner of war tries to learn the truth about the traumatic events that haunt her husband. Fact-based drama, with Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman. **1.05** The Supertv. (R) **2.00** A Summer to Save My Life. (R) **2.55** Gillette World Sport. **3.20** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.45** Mobil 1 The Grid. (R) **4.15** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.10** Draw It! (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.20** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Wispser. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.45** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.50** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.45** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.30** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.50** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.25** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.20** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3. (R) **11.45** Film: A Husband for Christmas. (2016) **1.30** Film: Coming Home for Christmas. (2013) Premiere. Drama, starring Carly and Britt McKillip. **3.10** Film: Let It Snow. (2013) 4.55 News Weekend. **5.00** Film: Grease. (1978) **6.00** 5 News Update. **6.05** Film: Grease. (1978) Concluded. **7.15** **Grease: Before & After They Were Stars**. The stories of the cast of Grease, from their careers before the movie to their lives afterwards. **8.15** **Rugby on 5: Anglo Welsh Cup Highlights**. Action from the matchday one pool fixtures in the domestic rugby union competition, which included Exeter Chiefs v Northampton Saints, Saracens v Harlequins and London Irish v Bath. **9.00** **The Grease Story**. The story behind the classic movie musical. The programme examines the original stage musical in the early 1970s, which starred a young Richard Gere, and at the changes that occurred between stage and screen, including the addition of several new songs and toning down the original show's darker elements. **10.30** **Most Shocking Moments in Pop**. A countdown of outrageous events and scandals from pop world, including Miley Cyrus's performance at 2013 VMAs and Britney Spears shaving her head. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.00** Inside Britain's Biggest Mosque. (R) **4.50** Great Artists. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Film: October: 10 Days That Shook the World (1928) **9.40** Ceremony: Return of Friedrich Engels **10.40** The Space: Parade **11.10** Film: Gulag (1985) **2.10** Russia – A Century of Suspicion: A Timewatch Guide **3.10** Close **ITV2**  
**11.05** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.25** The X Factor Live **1.10** You've Been Framed! **Gold 1.45** Film: Bean (1997) **2.50** FYI Daily **2.55** Film: Bean (1997) **3.00** Film: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35** Film: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) **5.20** Film: Clash of the Titans (2010) **6.20** FYI Daily **6.25** Film: Clash of the Titans (2010) **7.25** Film: Pacific Rim (2013) **8.25** FYI Daily **8.30** Film: Pacific Rim (2013) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** Release the Hounds: Halloween Special **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV3**  
**12.55** Heidi **3.05** Film: Carry On Follow That Camel (1957) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10** Film: Carry On Follow That Camel (1957) **5.00** Lewis **9.00** The Syndicate **10.05** Honest **11.10** Film: The Constant Gardener (2005) **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25** Film: The Constant Gardener (2005) **1.40** The Knock **2.35** Mr Selfridge **3.25** Wycliffe **5.15** Judge Judy **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen **ITV4**  
**12.45** Live World Series of Darts Finals. Coverage of the quarter-finals from Glasgow. **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.50** Snooker v Darts **7.00** Live World Series of Darts Finals. Coverage of the semi-finals and final from Glasgow. **11.00** Film: 6 Bullets (2012) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10** Film: 6 Bullets (2012) **1.15** The Sweeney **2.15** Storage Wars **2.35** British Touring Cars – Crashes and Smashes **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **Ed**  
**11.00** Made in Chelsea **12.00** Don't Tell the Bride **1.00** The Goldbergs **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **3.30** Film: Johnny English Reborn (2011) **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Battle: Los Angeles (2011) **11.20** Naked Attraction **12.25** Tattoo Fixers **1.30** Rude Tube **2.35** First Dates **3.25** Hollyoaks **Film4**  
**11.00** Vice Versa (1988) **1.00** Anna Karenina (2012) **3.45** Short Circuit 2 (1988) **6.05** The Hunger Games (2012) **9.00** American Ultra (2015) **10.50** Transporter 2 (2005) **12.30** Hitchcock (2012) **2.25** Black Rock (2012)

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

**Mommy, Channel 4, 1.50am**

A widow decides to take her violent teenage son out of the institution that has been his home for the past three years. However, his behaviour begins to spiral out of control, and she is forced to turn to a mysterious new neighbour for help. Drama, starring Anne Dorval and Antoine-Olivier Pilon. (2014)

TUESDAY

**I'm Not Ready for Christmas, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

When a compulsive fibber's niece makes a wish to Santa Claus, her world is turned upside down when it comes true and she is rendered incapable of lying. As her career and love life are jeopardised by her newfound honesty, she must learn to judge between telling the truth and doing what is right. Festive comedy, starring Alicia Witt and George Stults. (2015)

WEDNESDAY

**Easy Virtue, BBC2, 12pm**

A naive Englishman in the 1920s embarks on a passionate romance with a glamorous and sophisticated American while in the south of France, resulting in a hasty wedding. Romantic comedy based on Noel Coward's play, starring Jessica Biel, Ben Barnes, Kristin Scott Thomas and Colin Firth. (2008)



On the Waterfront, Friday, BBC2, 12pm

THURSDAY

**The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, BBC2, 12pm**

A bumbling dreamer retreats into a fantasy world to escape grim reality, until an encounter with a mysterious woman sweeps him up into a real-life adventure. Comedy based on James Thurber's short story, starring Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo. (1947)

FRIDAY

**On the Waterfront, BBC2, 12pm**

A former prizefighter is reduced to completing errands for the gangsters running the dockyard unions. When he witnesses his boss's thugs commit murder, he is willing to keep his mouth shut – until his conscience is pricked by an outspoken priest and the dead man's sister, who hope to persuade him to testify against the crooks. Elia Kazan's Oscar-winning drama, starring Marlon Brando, Lee J Cobb and Eva Marie Saint (1954)

# Carol Vorderman pays tribute to inspiring people

The Pride of Britain Awards remind us of the courage which still exists in every corner of the land said Prince Charles – and with that simple statement, he sums up the purpose of this annual event.

The ceremony started life in 1999 with the express intention to celebrate acts of bravery and selflessness from people whose actions would otherwise go unsung; these are ordinary folk with extraordinary stories.

Unfortunately, we're living in troubled times, which means that more such acts seem to have occurred this year than ever before – no doubt those sitting on the panel that decides who receives the trophies in each category have faced a tough time trying to work it all out.

But what each winner and nominee has in common is the fact that they did what they did while expecting nothing for it in return. In fact, they would probably claim they simply carried out a deed that anybody else would have done had they been in the same position.

Those receiving nominations have had their names put forward by members of the public, with the likes of former winner Katie Piper, Good Morning hosts Susannah Reid and Ben Shephard, and Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, sitting on a panel to decide who wins what – and there won't be a dry eye anywhere as the results are made public.

As for the famous faces taking part, well, there will be lots of them keen to show their appreciation.

We don't see that much of Carol Vorderman on the box these days, but she's hosted every Pride of Britain ceremony to date and she will be taking charge of this one too, which takes place at London's Grosvenor House.

Others set to participate include David Beckham, Simon Cowell, Michael Caine, Rod Stewart, Lenny Henry and Liam Payne, while politics will be represented by Prime Minister Theresa May and Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn; scientist extraordinaire Stephen Hawking is also expected to feature.

"I'm always delighted to take part in the Pride of Britain Awards," says Beckham. "The winners are always amazing, particularly the children. I think the bravery and courage they show is an example to us all."

"I have been to some awards in my time, but never to an awards like this," adds Caine. "It is the most extraordinary thing."

"There's too much celebrity culture in this country," claims Henry. "Pride of Britain is great because it celebrates people who aren't part of that world."

Among those to look out for are the members of the emergency services and NHS who assisted those affected by the terror attacks in Manchester and London, as well as the Grenfell Tower disaster.

Other winners include a quick-thinking four-year-old who saved her mum's life and a hairdresser whose story has inspired domestic violence victims to fight back.

Ashley Banjo acts as a roving reporter, speaking to winners and celebrities backstage.



Carol Vorderman hosts The Pride of Britain Awards, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

## BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

**Nigella: At My Table**

**BBC2, 8.30pm**

Nigella Lawson serves up five more easy-to-make dishes, recipes that combine the comfort of the familiar and the exuberance of the new, rustling up her favourite weekend breakfast special in the shape of waffles. She also prepares dishes perfect for laidback entertaining in beef and aubergine fatteh, accompanied by Bulgur wheat with flaked almonds and nigella seeds, followed by her passion fruit ice-cream cake. Late-night inspiration comes in the form of a toasted brie, Parma ham and fig sandwich.

TUESDAY

**The A Word**

**BBC1, 9pm**

Return of the drama about an autistic child and his family. Two years on, in the Lake District, seven-year-old Joe is growing up. He has started to notice he's different from other kids. And when he says the word 'autistic' out loud, seeing it as something bad, Alison and Paul know they must talk to their son. But how do they broach the A word with a child for whom language is already a struggle? And how do they respond to the news that Joe is struggling at school more than they thought? Drama, starring Morven Christie, Lee Ingleby and Christopher Eccleston.

Motherland

**BBC2, 10pm**

Any sitcom in which Graham Linehan is involved will always be worth a watch. But when you add into the mix his wife Helen, Sharon Horgan and Holly Walsh as co-writers, then it becomes a must. Although Motherhood is a far cry from his most famous project, Father Ted, it went down a treat with viewers and critics alike when the pilot episode aired as part of the BBC's landmark sitcoms season last year. Heading the cast is Anna Maxwell-Martin, who clearly enjoys ditching her usual deadly serious roles for something far more light-hearted. She plays stressed-out mum Julia who, in the opening episode, is forced out of her comfort zone when she makes the mistake of agreeing to host a children's party.

WEDNESDAY

**Big Life Fix: Children in Need Special**

**BBC2, 9pm**

Eight-year-old Josh from London has a rare condition that means he was born completely blind and is unable to use his school's playground. Ayala, also eight, has cerebral palsy which has severely restricted her

movements and makes it difficult for her to play with her twin sister, while 10-year-old Aman was left with severe brain damage following a car accident that has affected her memory, leaving her struggling to remember the teacher's instructions. Now, Simon Reeve is following some of the UK's leading

designers and engineers as they attempt to help these three remarkable children with bright ideas ranging from a tactile 'yellow brick road' to a programme that transcribes a teacher's spoken words into text.



THURSDAY

**Sam Smith at the BBC**

**BBC1, 8pm**

In the space of five short years, Sam Smith has gone from struggling singer and chorister to one of the world's biggest pop stars.

Ever since he featured on

Disclosure's breakthrough single Latch in 2012, Smith's rise to the top of the music tree has been phenomenal. Last week, he released his eagerly awaited second album, The Thrill of It All, the follow-up to his multi-platinum selling debut, In The Lonely Hour. To celebrate, Smith has recorded this hour-long entertainment show in which he is accompanied by his band and the BBC Concert Orchestra to perform old and new tracks in front of a live studio audience. Presented by Fearne Cotton, the programme will also feature an interview with the singer as he discusses his career, music, and his much talked-about private life.

FRIDAY

**Live International Football**

**ITV, 7.30pm**

England v Germany (Kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents all the action from the friendly at Wembley Stadium, as the hosts begin preparations for the World Cup against the holders. The sides last met seven months ago in a friendly in Dortmund, when Lukas Podolski's goal in his final international gave Germany a 1-0 win despite an encouraging performance by Gareth Southgate's men. Joachim Low's side also prevailed by the same scoreline when they nations last faced each other at this venue in 2013.

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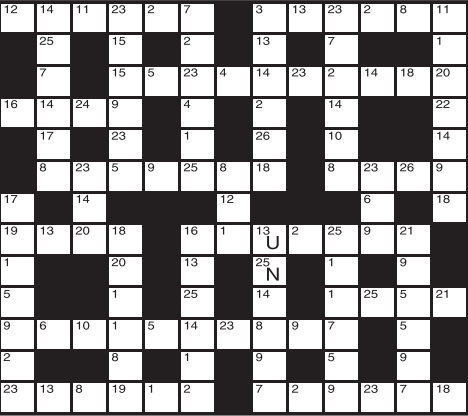


# BRAIN GYM

No.454

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	M	2	Y	3	O	4	U	5	Z	6	V	7	D	8	P	9	N	10	W	11	J	12	R	13	T
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

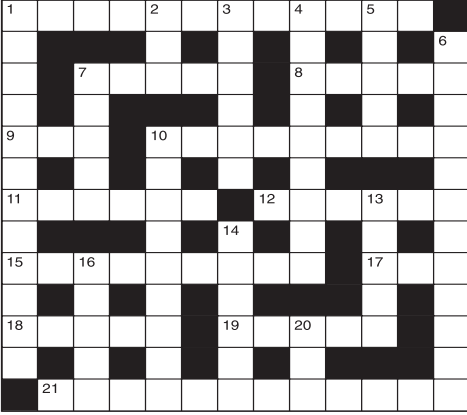
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- Demobbed and not working (3,2,7)
- Took the part of another (5)
- Risk having a dog at home (5)
- America gets a point advantage (3)
- Changed circumstances may put a different complexion on it (9)
- Depart agitatedly, it may explode! (6)
- A sign of twins (5)
- They give actors difficulty - what a shame! (4,5)
- Sounds like a shortage of resin (3)
- Divert and employ after morning (5)
- Key material for piano-makers (5)
- Eminent composer? (6,2,4)

#### Down

- What the crafty bounder kept? (3,4,5)
- Had a meal in the cafe dining room (3)
- Win, possibly earned (6)
- Utterly incompetent (9)
- Hiding place many yearn to find (5)
- Open anger - by gum! (12)
- These could be on the bed (5)
- Waits for Noel (9)
- Insert in song (5)
- Officer found on the staff? (6)
- Instigate quarrels we hear (5)
- It just isn't on for cricketers (3)



### Quick Clues:

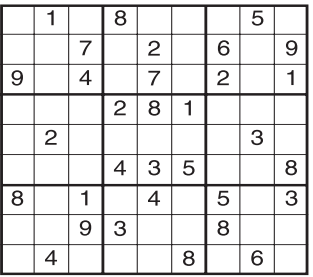
#### Across

- Immediately (8,4)
- Dilate (5)
- Smarten (5)
- Bind (3)
- Multiply (9)
- Choice (6)
- Clear (6)
- Uplifting (9)
- Curve (3)
- Sphere (5)
- Harbour (5)
- Avowal (12)

#### Down

- Faults (12)
- Wrath (3)
- Empty (6)
- Attractive (9)
- Ring (5)
- Ban (12)
- Sugary (5)
- Conspicuous (9)
- Obvious (5)
- Spectacles (6)
- Animal track (5)
- By way of (3)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

5	1	3	9	4	2	6	8	7
6	4	7	5	3	8	9	1	2
2	9	8	6	1	7	3	5	4
1	7	4	2	9	3	5	6	8
9	5	2	1	8	6	4	7	3
3	8	6	4	7	5	2	9	1
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4	2	1	8	6	9	7	3	5
7	6	5	3	2	1	8	4	9

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
 CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Compact; 8 Prunes; 9 Teasing; 10 Dipole; 11 Spring; 12 Resettle; 18 Restroom; 20 Patron; 21 Poster; 22 Airmail; 23 Taunts; 24 Leashed. Down: 1 Spiders; 2 Purpose; 3 Pellet; 5 Oversees; 6 Posers; 7 Canine; 13 Turnpike; 14 Portend; 15 Impress; 16 Valise; 17 Cramps; 19 Thomas. QUICK - Across: 4 Proceed; 8 Roamed; 9 Charity; 10 Mutter; 11 Allure; 12 Cavalier; 18 Pretence; 20 Winner; 21 Regard; 22 Appear; 23 Vision; 24 Meeting. Down: 1 Grimace; 2 Captive; 3 Reveal; 5 Rehearse; 6 Circle; 7 Entire; 13 Imprison; 14 Invalid; 15 Leading; 16 Simple; 17 Invent; 19 Thesis.

## Quiz

- On which animal does Britain's largest flea primarily live?
- Which Welsh buccaneer became deputy-governor of Jamaica?
- In which country is Norilsk, the world's most northerly industrial city?
- Which evangelical movement was founded by John Wesley in 1739?
- Who is the central character of Homer's Iliad?
- What is the capital of Bermuda?
- What is a chow chow?
- Which sport was invented by Dr James Naismith in 1891?
- What was the subject of the Surgeon's Photograph of 1934?
- Of what is eugenics the study?

### Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Sulphuric; 2 Dijon; 3 Eucalyptus; 4 Sergei Eisenstein; 5 Tony McCoy; 6 Four; 7 Heavy water; 8 Chile; 9 Seven; 10 Louvre.  
 Niner: LABYRINTH

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

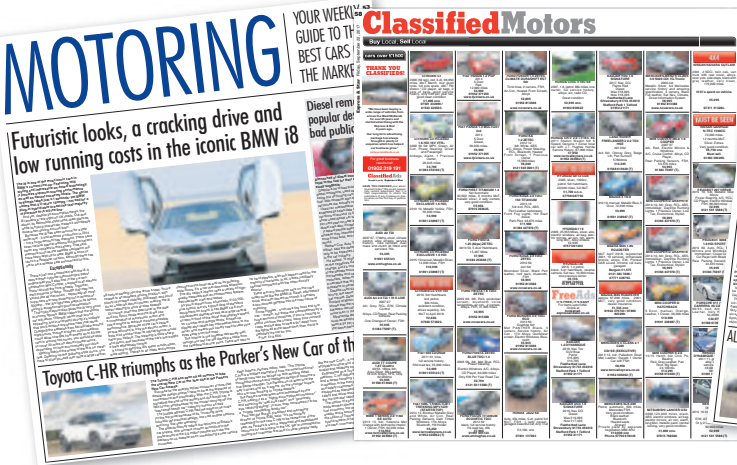
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## Six-bed property at the head of quiet cul-de-sac

Built by the current owners, this three-floored, six-bedroomed house in Spinney Close in the village of Pelsall also comes with a well equipped breakfast kitchen, a garage and gardens.

Positioned at the head of a quiet cul-de-sac, it is for sale through Fraser Wood at £379,950.

With gas central heating and double glazing, in full it has a porch entrance, a through lounge plus a separate dining room, the breakfast kitchen, laundry room, guest cloakroom/WC, six bedrooms, master with an en-suite shower room plus a dressing room and a family bathroom.

Outside is the fore garden with a block paved driveway to the garage and rear gardens with views over St Michael's Primary School playing fields.

The master bedroom is described by the selling agents as being "magnificent", having an en-suite shower plus a dressing room, with the lounge being "superb".

The property is within walking distance of the amenities of Pelsall village centre and there are excellent public transport services to neighbouring areas, together with schools for children of all ages.

Being part tiled, the breakfast kitchen has a full range of fitted base and wall cupboards, extensive work surfaces, an integrated ceramic hob with an extractor over, double oven, a fitted dishwasher and fridge/freezer and matching glazed display cabinets.

The master bedroom has a built-in double wardrobe has a walk-in dressing room and en-suite shower room.

Bedroom two has two built-in double wardrobes, a single wardrobe, two bedside tables and a desk with drawer storage. Bedrooms three and four are also on this floor, plus a family bathroom including a P-shaped bath. A staircase leads to the second floor landing. Here you will find a home office/study/bedroom and a playroom/bedroom.

PELSALL £379,950



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Breakfast kitchen with appliances  
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### **Holyhead Road Moxley**

**2nd and 9th November at 10am**



●Guide Price £65,000 PLUS

Situated in a popular residential area just of the black country new road this three bedroom semi detached is ideally suited towards an investor. The property is in need of modernisation and with all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Lounge and Kitchen with door to rear. First Floor Three bedrooms and one Bathroom. Outside At the front of the property there is a garden and drive providing off road parking. At the rear of the property there is a garden.

LOT  
TBC

### **Coleshill Road Hodge Hill**

**4th November 11:30am and 13th November 11am**



●Guide Price £215,000 PLUS

This traditionally styled gas centrally heated and double glazed detached property is located on a corner plot in a sought after residential area of Birmingham. With good transport links, the property is in need of some basic modernisation, but offers an ideal opportunity for owner occupation or and an investor. Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall with W.C. off, Open plan through Lounge/Dining Room, Lounge area measuring 4.56m x 3.44m with bay to front and feature fireplace, Dining Area 3.47m x 3.62m with sliding patio doors to rear Garden. Kitchen 3.23m x 2.86m with range of units. First Floor Staircase leads to landing with access to Bedroom 1 (front) 4.62m x 3.38m, Bedroom 2 (rear) 3.48m x 3.41m, Bedroom 3 (rear) 2.93m x 2.46m, Bathroom with matching suite.

LOT  
TBC

### **Chigwell Close Castle Vale**

**4th November 12pm and 13th November 11:30am**



●Guide Price £110,000 PLUS

A modern semi detached family home, with part double glazing and gas fired central heating. Conveniently located the property offers spacious well planned living accommodation and is in need of basic improvements. Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Large fully enclosed Porch, front door to Entrance Hall, with large store cupboard off and Guest W.C. Lounge 4.07m x 3.81m, Dining Room 3.09m x 3.79m, Kitchen 4.07m x 2.85 with oven and hob and range of units. First Floor Landing with airing cupboard provides access to Bedroom 1 (front) 4.1m x 2.9m, Bedroom 2 (front) 3.14m x 3.85m, Bedroom 3 (rear) 3.84m x 2.034m, Bedroom 4 (rear) 3.23m x 2.86m. Bathroom.

LOT  
TBC

### **Stag Hill Road Bloxwich**

**2nd November 10:45am and 9th November 10:45am**



●Guide Price £70,000 PLUS

This three bedroom semi detached property is in need of modernisation throughout. This property offers a lot of potential and would be ideally suited towards an investor. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Reception Room (3.9m x 3.9m), Kitchen (5.1m x 2.2m) with door providing access to rear. First Floor Bedroom one (4.2m x 2.9m), Bedroom two (3.6m x 2.5m), Bedroom three (2.5m x 2.3m). Outside At the front of the property there is a small garden and drive. At the rear of the property there is a garden.

LOT  
TBC

### **Glastonbury Crescent Bloxwich**

**2nd November 11:45am and 9th November 11:45am**



●Guide Price £40,000 PLUS

Situated in a popular residential area this three bedroom semi detached property is ideally suited towards an investor. The first floor of the property is in need of total modernisation and improvement whereas the ground floor requires only light modernisation. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Front door leads to Lounge with window overlooking the front garden (4.2m x 3.8m) and Kitchen with back door providing access to the garden (4.8m x 3m). First Floor bedroom one (3.9m x 2.7m), Bedroom two (3.2m x 2.1m), Bedroom three (2.2m x 2.6m) Outside At the front of the property there is a garden which extends around the side of the property and into the rear.

LOT  
TBC

### **Cherry Tree Avenue Walsall**

**By appointment through auctioneers**



●Guide Price £135,000 PLUS

A well maintained semi-detached property offering appealing living accommodation which of particular note enjoys a delightful rear garden together with good sized through Lounge/Dining Room. Conveniently situated close to all local amenities including ease of access to the midlands motorway network at junction 7 Great Barr. The gas centrally heated UPVC double glazed property includes Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Lounge (3.81m x 3.5m), Second reception room (3.58m x 3.43m), Kitchen (3.25m x 2.03m), First Floor Master Bedroom (3.81m x 3.58m), Bedroom two (3.6m x 3.4m), Bedroom three (2.5m x 2.3m). Outside Garage (7.26m x 3.2m) and a delightful rear garden.

LOT  
TBC

### **Stowe Street Bloxwich**

**2nd Nov 11:15am and 9th Nov 11:15am**



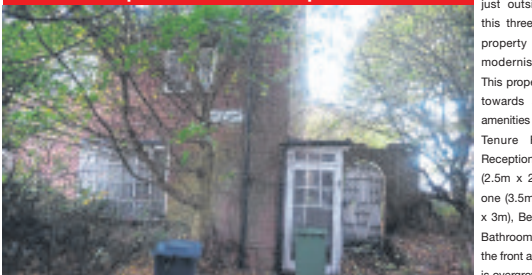
●Guide Price £75,000 PLUS

Situated in a popular residential area a short distance from Bloxwich town centre this three bedroom semi detached property is in need of modernisation throughout. This property would be ideally suited towards an investor and with all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Lounge (4.7m x 3.3m), Kitchen (5.5m x 2.8m) and W.C. First Floor Bedroom one (3.5m x 2.6m), Bedroom two (3.8m x 2.9m), Bedroom three (2.9m x 1.7m), Bathroom (1.9m x 2.1m) Outside At the rear of the property there is a garden.

LOT  
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### **Myatt Way Aldridge**

**2nd Nov 12:30pm and 9th Nov 12:30pm**

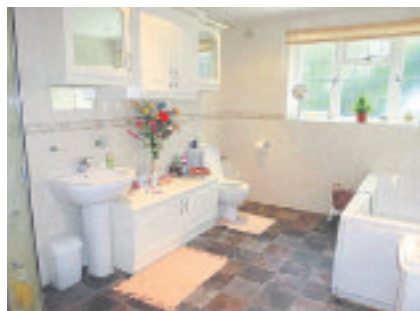


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Situated in a popular residential area just outside Aldridge town centre this three bedroom semi detached property is in need of complete modernisation and improvement. This property would be ideally suited towards an investor and with all amenities close at hand it comprises: Tenure Freehold Ground Floor Reception Room (6m x 3m) Kitchen (2.5m x 2.5m) First Floor Bedroom one (3.5m x 3m), Bedroom Two (3m x 3m), Bedroom three (2.5m x 1.5m) Bathroom (1.5m x 1.5m) Outside At the front and rear of the property there is overgrown gardens.

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- Six Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- 27' Kitchen/Diner
- EPC - D

£370,000

**Birmingham Road, Walsall**

- Three Storey Semi-Detached
- Five Generous Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Conservatory
- Original Features Throughout
- EPC - E

£350,000

**Wallington Heath, Bloxwich**

- Very Well Presented Detached
- Four Good Sized Bedrooms
- Modern Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Guest Cloakroom and Utility Room
- EPC - D

£280,000

**Meadow Lane, Pool Hayes**

- Extended Five Bedroom Property
- Separate Two Storey Annex
- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Gated Off Road Parking
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- EPC - D

£250,000

**Downfield Close, Turnberry Estate**

- Immaculate Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- High Standard Kitchen and Bathroom
- Refitted En-Suite to the Master
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- EPC - D

O.I.E.O £250,000

**Field Road, Bloxwich**

- Beautiful Detached Family Home
- Four Good Sized Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- EPC - C

£250,000

**Long Lane, Great Wryley**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Extended Lounge & Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Potential for Further Extension
- Superb Views Across Open Fields
- EPC - D

£225,000

**Bentley Lane, Reedswood**

- Immaculate Traditional Link-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Contemporary Style Bathroom
- Opening Rear Patio Area
- EPC - D

£210,000

**Woodall Street, Bloxwich**

- Four Bed Detached
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Guest W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- EPC - C

£180,000

**Follyhouse Lane, Highgate**

- Period Style Property
- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- Recently Refurbished
- Traditional Style Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- EPC - E

£150,000

**Grantown Grove, Turnberry**

- Two Bedroom End Terrace
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Popular Turnberry Estate
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- EPC - D

O.I.E.O £140,000

**Usk Close, Bloxwich**

- Well Presented Semi-Detached
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Driveway for Two Cars
- Ground Floor WC
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- EPC - D

£140,000

**Blakenall Lane, Blakenall**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Many Original Features
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- EPC - F

£140,000

**Somerfield Road, Bloxwich**

- Extended Mid-Terrace
- Main Lounge
- Dining Room
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- EPC - E

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- Through Lounge/Diner
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - C

£135,000

**Rochester Croft, Reedswood**

- Very Well Presented End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Secure Gated Rear Parking
- Easy access to the M6 Motorway
- Viewing Essential
- EPC - D

O.I.E.O £135,000

**Elm Road, Leamore**

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Driveway and Side Garage
- Extended Kitchen
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- EPC - D

O.I.E.O £115,000

**Hadley Way, Beechdale**

- Deceptively Spacious Mid Town House
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Generous Living Room
- Bathroom with Separate Shower Cubicle
- EPC - C

O.I.E.O £110,000

**Bloxwich Road, Walsall**

- Beautifully Presented Victorian Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Contemporary Style Kitchen & Bathroom
- Log Burner in the Lounge
- EPC - D

O.I.E.O £110,000

**Pleck Road, Walsall**

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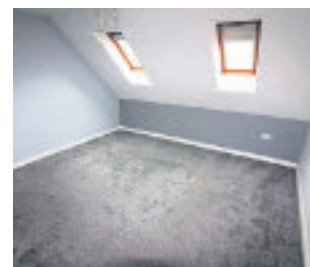
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### GORWAY ROAD, WALSALL

- . Villa-Style House
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- . Six Bedrooms
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- . Kitchen
- . Gas Central Heating
- . Driveway with Garage

£1300pcm - plus fees



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- . Dining Kitchen
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- . Bathroom
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- . Gas Central Heating

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EPC: D

### ALUMWELL ROAD, WALSALL

- . Semi-Detached House
- . Reception Hall
- . Lounge/Dining Room
- . Kitchen
- . Three Bedrooms
- . Bathroom
- . UPVC DG, GCH

£600pcm - plus fees



EPC: D

### BLOXWICH ROAD, WALSALL

- . Terraced House
- . Reception Hallway
- . Lounge, Dining Room
- . Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom
- . Three Bedrooms
- . Upstairs Shower Room
- . GCH, UPVC DG

£525pcm - plus fees



N/A

### VICTORIA TERRACE, WALSALL

- . Split Level Flat
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- . Two Double Bedrooms
- . Bathroom, . Sash Windows
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- . Re-Decorated Throughout

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EPC: D

### ROCKINGHAM CLOSE, BLOXWICH

- . Ground Floor Maisonette
- . Porch, Hallway
- . Lounge, Kitchen
- . Two Double Bedrooms
- . Bathroom
- . Parking
- . Double Glazing

£450pcm - plus fees



EPC: D

### WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

- . First Floor Flat Above Shop
- . Lounge
- . Kitchen
- . One Bedroom
- . Bathroom
- . UPVC Double Glazing
- . Gas Central Heating

£450pcm - plus fees



EPC: C

### MAIN STREET, STONNALL

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- . First Floor
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- . Two Bedrooms
- . Bathroom
- . Gas Central Heating

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NEW PRICE EPC: D

### PARKLANDS GARDENS, WALSALL

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- . Communal Entrance
- . Lounge/Dining Area/Kitchen
- . One Bedroom, Shower Room
- . DG, Electric Heating
- . Garage

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- . Gas Central Heating
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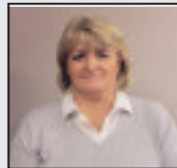
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**Glastonbury Crescent**  
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- Mid town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining kitchen, utility
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Parking and enclosed garden
- £180 Reference Fees Apply
- Sorry No DSS, Pets or Smokers

**£550**



Energy Rating - C

NEW

**To Let**

**Millfield Avenue**  
Bloxwich

- Well presented First floor flat
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Parking and gardens
- Available now
- £180 Reference Fees Apply

**£450**



Energy Rating - B

NEW

**To Let**

**Stamping Way**  
Bloxwich

- Spacious Coach House
- Double Glazed, Electric Heating
- Entrance Hall/Stairs
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- 1 large bedroom
- £180 Reference Fees Apply

**£525**



Energy Rating - D

NEW

**To Let**

**Wood End Road**  
Wednesfield

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Driveway and gardens
- SORRY NO DSS, PETS OR SMOKERS
- £180 reference fee applies

**£550**



Energy Rating - D

NEW



**Enville Close**  
Bloxwich

- End town house
- Heated and glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Bathroom/WC
- Parking
- Gardens
- No Onward Chain

**£137,500**



Energy Rating - TBC

NEW

**To Let**

**Cedar Close**  
Walsall

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- Double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Driveway parking, gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Must Be Viewed

**£129,950**



Energy Rating - E

**To Let**

**Windmill Street**  
Wednesbury

- Mid town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Kitchen, lounge
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Gardens
- SORRY NO DSS, PETS OR SMOKERS
- £180 reference fee applies

**£650**



Energy Rating - D

**To Let**

**Pugh Crescent**  
Walsall

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen, utility
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Ample parking, gardens
- SORRY NO DSS, PETS OR SMOKERS
- £180 reference fee applies

**£695**



Energy Rating - TBC

**To Let**

**Lichfield Road**  
Rushall

- A semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 5 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage, driveway, gardens
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Energy Rating - D

**Chillenden Court**  
Willenhall

- Second Floor Flat
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Kitchen, lounge/ Diner
- One bedroom
- Bathroom/WC
- Communal gardens
- Communal Off Road Parking, No Onward Chain

**£55,000**



Energy Rating - D

**Charlotte Street**  
Walsall

- Ground floor flat
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Kitchen, lounge
- Double bedroom
- Paved rear yard
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Bathroom/WC

**£59,995**



Energy Rating - B

**Water Reed Grove**  
Walsall

- Self contained 2nd floor apartment
- Centrally heated & PVCu Double Glazing
- lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking Space
- well kept communal garden

**£82,950**



Energy Rating - D

**Lancaster Place**  
Bloxwich

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- lounge, kitchen/diner
- 3 bedrooms
- bathroom
- separate WC
- Garden
- Garage/parking

**£120,000**



Energy Rating - E

**Lichfield Road**  
Willenhall

- End town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Gardens
- garage, parking
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

**£130,000**



Energy Rating - C

**Church Road**  
Pelsall

- Mid town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining kitchen
- 2 bedrooms, shower room/WC
- Parking
- Gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

**£135,000**



Energy Rating - D

**Harden Close**  
Walsall

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Shower room/WC
- Driveway
- Gardens

**£139,999**



Energy Rating - D

**Benton Crescent**  
Bloxwich

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Shower room/WC
- Parking and gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

**£144,950**



Energy Rating - B

**Stamping Way**  
Bloxwich

- Semi Detached House
- Gas Centrally heated
- PVCu Double Glazed
- Rear Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC
- Detached Single Garage
- Driveway
- Large Rear Garden

**£145,000**



Energy Rating - D

**Windsor Way**  
Rushall

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, conservatory, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom and WC
- Driveway parking, gardens
- Gardens
- No Onward Chain

**£155,000**



Energy Rating - D

**Long Lane**  
Great Wyrley

- Traditional extended semi detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge, Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory, Utility Room
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom, Driveway, Small Garage Rear Garde
- No Onward Chain

**£224,950**



Energy Rating - E

**Stafford Road**  
Great Wyrley

- Traditional Cottage style detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, Farmhouse kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Driveway
- Garden
- Outbuildings

**£250,000**



Energy Rating - D

**Westminster Road**  
Rushall

- Detached bungalow
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- dining room (alternative bedroom 4)
- 3/4 Bedrooms
- bathroom/WC, Garage
- driveway gardens

**£259,950**



Energy Rating - D

**Paddock Gardens**  
Walsall

- Modern Detached Family Home
- Three Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Kitchen
- 5 Bedrooms, En-suite
- Double Garage
- Driveway
- Large Rear Garden

**£600,000**



Energy Rating - B

**Stafford Road**  
Bloxwich

- Extended Detached Family Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Clockroom, Conservatory
- Six Bedrooms, Three En-suites
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- Bathroom
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- Bathroom
- En-suite
- Parking

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**BLOXWICH**  
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**Similar Required**

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## 3 Home & Services

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Town and Country Planning  
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Order 2015 NOTICE  
UNDER ARTICLE 13  
OF APPLICATION FOR  
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Proposed development at 19 Wood  
Lane, Willenhall, West Midlands  
WV12 5NE.  
Take notice that application is  
being made by Mr P. Russell for  
planning permission to: Description  
of proposed development -  
Two single side extension and  
single storey rear extension  
(Planning Ref. 17/0480)  
Local Planning Authority address:  
Walsall MBC, Civic Centre,  
Walsall WS1 1TP.  
Any owner of the land or tenant  
who wishes to make representations  
about this application, should write  
to the council within 21 days of the  
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Signed: Mr S. Gill  
24/10/2017

**Walsall Council, Planning, Engineering  
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Lords of the ring – Priory Park boxers ready for their contest with Ireland's Olympic BC

# Priory are a big hit in and out the ring

PRIORY Park Boxing Club are warming up for their next venture following a successful debut on the international stage. The Dudley-based outfit hosted an England versus Ireland clash at The Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill that saw the club's boxers take on fighters from the renowned Olympic Boxing Club in Galway.

And the event proved to be a huge hit inside and outside the ring much to the delight of chairman Paul Gough. The night served up a series of high-quality contests in front of a crowd of around 300 with the hosts emerging victorious thanks to victories from Ben Collins, Connor Jones, Jarrod Grant, Tyriq Allison, Tomas Grygkiewicz and Sam Gwilt.

But as well as gaining plaudits for their efforts in the ring, Gough has been delighted with the feedback from the Irish visitors regarding the hospitality on display.

Gough left no stone unturned in his bid to ensure the Olympic contingent enjoyed their stay in the Black Country with a Go Karting night getting the boxers revved up for action. "It was one

of the biggest events we have put on as a club, we had never staged an international contest before," said Gough. "But it was a great success and the feedback we have had from Olympic has been outstanding."

"They travel all over the place for fights but they said they had never been treated like this and looked after so well. That's nice to hear and huge credit to our club."

"It was an expensive show to put it on and it would not have been possible without our sponsors – Richardson Capital, Barclays Bank, Willows Construction and Virtual Guard – so a massive thank you to them. We put all their fighters, coaches and officials up at The Copthorne for two nights. We really went out of our way to look after them."

## Training

"We picked them up from the airport and then took them to our gym for a training session, and then took them out for some food."

"On the first evening we had a Karting competition at Halesowen, which went down really well and then had some food and drinks after. The lads absolutely loved that. We even had three Priory lads coming first, second and third in that, which was great."

"The Olympic lads had some down-time the following day before the show and then they were driven back to the airport the day after. A lot of hard work went into organising the show but it was worth it. It was great experience for our lads, as we will be going over there to fight next year in the return match."

The standard of boxing also impressed Gough, who doubled up as match-maker with Olympic coach Mick

## SPORTING FEATURE

By Nick Elwell

***"I would love to do an England-Scotland-Ireland contest. That could be one for the future"***

Mogan. "All the bouts were close and the quality was very high," said Gough. "Olympic are the No.1 club in Ireland and have won just about every competition going. One of their lads, Mike Delaney, is a four-time national champion and has won a bronze for GB."

"Their coach Mick Mogan trusted my judgement in matching up the fights and I trusted his. And it worked out because there were some great fights. As well as the international fights, a number of other contests made up a 15-bout bill with the youngest boxer aged 10 and the oldest 24, and we had around 300 people in."

Gough has designs on promoting further international shows in the future and may look north of the border.

"It has whet my appetite for more shows like this and I would love to do an England-Scotland-Ireland contest. That could be one for the future," he said.

As for the immediate future, the club are staging a development show at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on Saturday where there will be plenty of action featuring just Priory Park boxers.

And while the club's boxing contingent continues to grow, Gough also runs various fitness classes at the club's Priory Road base.

"The club is thriving at the moment. Our membership is rising and I am continually getting texts and calls from people asking if they can join," he said. "But it's not just about boxing. We also run various fitness classes at the gym and the parents also get involved. It's like one big happy family."

Tickets for the development show are available priced £15 and £10. Call Paul Gough on 07883 012981.

## Deeney antics spark the wrath of Hughes

FORMER Walsall striker Troy Deeney has been told by Stoke City boss Mark Hughes he "should know better" after sparking a late melee in Watford's 1-0 home Premier League defeat.

In stoppage-time Stoke put the ball out of play after a player went down injured, but rather than pass the ball back the Hornets captain appeared to attempt a cross into the visitors' penalty area.

Joe Allen reacted angrily but found himself being grabbed by the face by the burly Hornets striker as players from both sides squared up. Deeney and Allen were booked, but Stoke boss Hughes was less than impressed by Deeney's conduct.

"I thought it was a bit unnecessary," he said. "Clearly we kicked the ball out and the right thing to do in the spirit of the game is throw it back."

"Deeney, the captain of the club, should know better but he shaped to play it into our box and that's why Joe reacted. I've seen pictures of raised hands and thumbnails in faces which is totally unnecessary."

## Woakes the all-round fit to fill Stokes' void

ENGLAND all-rounder Chris Woakes has vowed to help fill the void left by Ben Stokes on the Ashes tour. Stokes has not flown out with the rest of the squad to Australia, having been suspended following an incident outside a Bristol nightclub in September.

The 26-year-old Durham player has not been ruled out of the five-match Test series which begins in Brisbane on November 23, but he is out of consideration for selection until further notice.

Captain Joe Root has suggested England are preparing to play the entire series without him, meaning Woakes and Moeen Ali, and wicketkeeper-batsman Jonny Bairstow, will have to replace those lost runs.

Great Barr-born Woakes said: "Losing Ben as an all-rounder means myself, Moeen and I suppose even Jonny have more of a chance to prove our worth. I take my batting as seriously as possible. I know I have been batting at nine in recent Test matches but whenever I have played for Warwickshire I have obviously batted a lot higher than that."

## Event is all a-bout Olympic fighter

THE world's first-ever Punjabi MMA fighter is to visit the West Midlands next month for a charity event.

Olympian and UFC heavyweight Arjan Singh Bhullar will take part in a meet-and-greet event in Birmingham on November 25.

The Indo-Canadian fighter will also tell his life story at the event, which has been organised by the Wolverhampton-based Showfighter group.

Bhullar, aged 31, is currently ranked world number 19 in the MMA heavyweight division by the MMA World Ranking website.

The event is at The Hagley (Ibis Hotel) on Hagley Road, Birmingham. Funds raised will go to the Jet Singh Trust.

Bhullar has represented Canada internationally as a freestyle wrestler at several world championships, at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and at the 2012 Olympic Games. He is from Richmond, British Columbia.

In August 2014, Bhullar had his first amateur fight as a mixed martial artist. He turned pro in November of that year.





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## Own goals put Wood in driving seat

### Walsall Wood 2 Hinckley 1

ANOTHER hard-earned three points for Wood kept the gap to leaders Studley at four – with Gary Birch's side having two games in hand.

For the third home game in succession Wood were made to work really hard for the victory and Hinckley could argue a draw would have been a fair result.

But own goals from two Hinckley central defenders midway through the first half had put Wood in control but a double save by keeper Tyrell Belford on 41 minutes kept the visitors in the game. They then went up the other end and Steve Hart scored a peach and suddenly it was a very different contest.

But Wood defended superbly to record their first double of the season.

Wood went ahead on 24 minutes when Tony Clarke raced away wide left, had the benefit of the bounce as he made the box, his vicious low cross put into his own net by Dominic Perkins under pressure from Sam Agar. From the re-start Wood won the ball back, Mitch Tolley released Clarke wide left, he cut inside and hit a rising drive that brought a superb full length save from Belford.

From a free-kick on 32 minutes, Jordan Fitzpatrick fired in the free kick that bounced off the inside of the far post and back across goal and with a posse of Wood players bearing down on him Richard Munday headed into his own net to put Wood 2-0 ahead.

A minute after Belford's double save at one end, a left wing move at the other ended with Hart cutting inside and scoring just inside the near post.

Wood were in JW Hunt Cup action against Gornal on Tuesday and visit bottom club Coventry Alvis on Saturday.

## Debutant spot-on to secure passage

### Rushall Olympic 2 Nantwich 0

A GOAL in each half ensured Rushall advanced to the FA Trophy second qualifying round and a visit to either Prescot Cables or Stalybridge Celtic.

Rushall thought they had taken the lead when Mathis Fonovich put the ball in the back of the net on 18 minutes. The effort was ruled out for offside, with new signing Richard Brodie adjudged to be interfering with play.

Tobias Mullarkey nearly put the visitors ahead on 23 minutes but his snap shot was superbly kept out by Bermuda international Jahquill Hill.

The Dabbers went down to 10 men on 38 minutes when captain Sam Hall was sent off for a two-footed challenge on Sam Whittall.

Joe Hull put the hosts ahead right on the stroke of half time after rising highest to nod home a Jordan Sangha corner.

It was game over when Mullarkey was deemed to have brought down Brodie in the 76th minute and the debutant beat William Jaaskelainen from the spot.

## Banks's hosts games in under-17 Euros

WALSALL'S Banks's Stadium will be a host ground for next year's UEFA European Under-17 Championship finals.

The annual tournament, for Europe's 16 elite nations, will be played at venues across the Midlands and South Yorkshire with St George's Park at its heart.

It runs from from May 4-20. The Banks's will stage games along with Burton Albion, Chesterfield, Loughborough University, Rotherham United and St George's Park. Tickets will go on

sale in January with the draw being made in April at St George's Park.

World Cup winners England, who won the European Under-17 title in 2010 and 2014, and also finished runners-up to Spain in 2017, qualified automatically as hosts.

Walsall Chief Executive Stefan Gamble said: "We are delighted to be one of the host stadiums. The Banks's Stadium is the ideal venue for international football."

England u-17s head coach Steve Cooper said:

"We are very proud to be hosting the men's European Under-17 finals next summer."

"Rotherham and Walsall have hosted a number of England development and women's team fixtures in the past while Burton Albion and Chesterfield are fantastic venues."

"All six venues will give the players an opportunity to perform at different stadiums."

UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin said: "The competition also provides the youngsters with an ideal chance to perform on an international football stage."

# HOME TRUTHS FROM WHITNEY

**WALSALL boss Jon Whitney has met with his players to thrash out the inconsistency that has blighted their season.**

The Saddlers, 15th in League One, fell to a first home defeat of the campaign on Saturday as Southend ran out 1-0 winners at the Banks's Stadium.

After taking the lead in the 17th minute, the Shrimpers went on to frustrate Whitney's side.

But it was mistakes leading up to Simon Cox's goal that really angered the boss – with Whitney accepting his team must do better.

"It was the general not competing for first balls and second balls in the first half, in the first 15-20 minutes, that's what I'm disappointed with," he said. "We need to get more consistency about what we do. Southend was an opportunity to make it five games unbeaten and maintain the unbeaten home record."

### Incentive

"Instead we have lost that unbeaten record which is very disappointing. It will be an incentive to go on another run but we can't hide that we are disappointed."

After taking the lead, Southend were able to stifle the Saddlers with a 20-yard Tyler Roberts drive their only effort on target in the first half.

Walsall did improve after the interval and created a flurry of chances. Former Saddler Jason Demetriou twice came to the rescue, preventing both Daniel Agyei and then Erhun Oztumer. Then in the 90th minute, Agyei's rasping drive was brilliantly tipped over by Mark Oxley.

Whitney had to endure calls from a section of the home crowd for him to be moved on following the loss. But overall he was impressed with how the fans waited until after the final whistle to vent their frustrations.

"I thought the fans were really good," he added. "All we ask is they express their frustrations at the end which they did. They pay their money and they've got every right to do that."



Southend match-winner Simon Cox goes flying into a challenge with Jon Guthrie

## Five-star show earns first win

### Finchfield 3 Bloxwich 5

BLOXWICH Men's First XI earned their first win of the season against a strong Finchfield team in an eventful and entertaining encounter.

The Barbarians started strongly and won three short corners in the first half, which were all converted. Gary Oates

scored the first, Alex Hill the second and Jake Perkins added another.

Bloxwich needed to ensure they stayed strong in the second half but mistakes were punished and Finchfield levelled the scores.

Finchfield pushed hard for the winner but with minutes

remaining, Bloxwich won another short corner that was dispatched by Hill.

As Finchfield lost their heads and players were carded, Bloxwich won another short on the stroke of full time which Phil Ashcroft finished off.

Bloxwich welcome Chesterfield to Sneyd on Saturday.

## Impressive Wem knock Darlo for six

### Darlaston Town (1874) 0 Wem 6

IT was unlucky 13 for Darlaston on Saturday. Their 12 game unbeaten league and cup run came to a shuddering halt against a Shropshire side who ran out convincing winners.

Darlaston keeper Aaron Morris has been superb all season but his error in the 37th minute typified the Darlaston performance and gifted the visitors the opening goal. A half hit shot from 10 yards from Dave Walbyoff squirmed between the keeper's fingers for the sloppiest of goals – and from there the floodgates opened.

Wem visibly rose in confidence and the game was over as a contest within six minutes as they visitors raced into a 3-0 half time lead. Firstly Callum Briscoe set up Chris Peel whilst the impressive Paddy Townsend scored the third.

A roasting by Darlaston boss Andy Parkes failed to rally his side who were again second best for most of the half.

If Wem's opening goal was the simplest of goals then the last three were of the highest quality. On 62 minutes Townsend robbed Kieran Payne, drew keeper Morris off his line and calmly side-footed home from 12 yards. On 70 minutes Peel struck a majestic left footed free-kick into the top right hand corner from 20 yards and the rout was completed on 76 minutes when Townsend sent Harry Murphy clear and he lobbed Morris from 35 yards.

On Saturday Darlo travel to second-placed Old Wulfrunians, ko 2pm.

## O'Brien secures a point for Lockmen

WILLENHALL Town picked up an impressive 3-3 draw with West Midland League Division One leaders Worcester Raiders.

Chris Cornes opened the scoring for Raiders at Claines Lane. Geovannie Shaw and Shaun Thomas put the Lockmen in front.

Cornes again, then Martin Fowler scored for the leaders. But in the 82nd minute Ryan O'Brien struck to earn Willenhall a deserved point.

Premier Division leaders Wolverhampton Sporting Community secured a 2-0 win over Dudley Town with Tom Hill netting both goals.

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